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LICKING WOUNDS AT TOBRUK

British Sortie Breaks Up Plans For New Attack

DIRECT HITS ON WARSHIPS

A great load of armour-piercing bombs was carried to Brest on Sunday night by the R.A.F. to drop on the two Nazi battle-cruisers Scharnhorst and Gneisenau, states the Air Ministry news service.

The continued presence of the battle-cruisers at Brest, after five weeks, suggests, adds the news service, that either they have developed some grave defect while at sea or, what is more probable, that Brest has proved a very poor shelter.

ON SUNDAY NIGHT THEY SHOWED UP CLEARLY UNDER THE MOON AND PILOTS REPORT VERY ACCURATE BOMBING, WITH DIRECT HITS ON BOTH CRUISERS.

They made for the port late in March to be refuelled and to munition ship. These tasks can normally be completed in 24 hours.

Sticks of the heaviest bombs

Axis Forces Suffer Heavy Loss

THE MILITARY SPOKESMAN IN CAIRO YESTERDAY DESCRIBED THE POSITION AT TOBRUK AS, "BOTH SIDES ARE STILL LICKING THEIR WOUNDS."

On the first day of the latest attack, he added, the enemy made a breach of 2,000 yards like a blister in the south-west part of the outer perimeter but new British defence lines had been built across this point, which was some miles from the inner defence line.

He said it was quite probable that the enemy had lost a total of 50 tanks hitherto.

Communications by sea remained open and a number of prisoners had already been shipped.

Reviewing the position in Abyssinia, the spokesman said the British threat to Amba Alagi continued to make progress.

Indian troops, mostly Wahlis, had been doing real mountaineering, dragging guns and supplies up the mountainside.

The situation looked good. Prisoners had been taken and a counter-attack had been defeated.

Nazis Surprised

An official communique says that on the night of May 3/4 our troops at Tobruk launched a counter-attack, inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy and breaking up preparations which were being made for a renewal of the attack!

In the Sollum area, our mechanised forces were again active. Several enemy detachments were successfully engaged, with losses in personnel and armoured fighting vehicles.

In the Debub area of Abyssinia, Indian troops occupied Emadani and Ulethert, on May 3.

More Prisoners

During the course of this operation, a heavy counter-attack by the enemy in greatly superior forces was driven back, leaving an officer and 250 other ranks prisoners in our hands.

On Sunday, further important positions were occupied and the

WAITING FOR THE BIRDS TO COME HOME

In one crowded hour on Sunday night over an enemy-occupied aerodrome in occupied France, from which German bombers attack Britain, an R.A.F. fighter pilot attacked five Nazi raiders returning to their base.

Although he was unable to see the results of his attacks, says the Air Ministry news service, five enemy planes must be regarded as seriously damaged. — Reuter.

Single Control In Crete

The Allied forces in Crete are now under the command of the New Zealand Major-General Freyburg, V.C., Commander-in-Chief of the N.Z. Expeditionary Force.

This was announced in Cana (Crete) yesterday in the following Order of the Day by the Greek Premier and War Minister, M. Tsouderos:—

"In order better to conduct the struggle which we have undertaken with our powerful ally, Great Britain, His Majesty King George and his Government have decided that the Allied troops on the island should be placed under a single command.

"Major-General Freyburg has been appointed Commander-in-Chief of the forces on the island."—Reuter.

IRAQ OUT OF THE STERLING AREA

A British Treasury Order issued yesterday in effect excludes Iraq from the sterling area. — Reuter.

AMERICA FIGHTS NAZI INFLUENCE IN VICHY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

THE UNITED STATES is attempting to influence France against accepting Nazi demands for full collaboration with Germany against Britain in Europe and Africa.

The U.S. Government is seeking to convince Vichy that it is not wise to yield to German demands for the passage of troops across unoccupied France to Spain for an assault on Gibraltar.

It is learned the Administration is ready to grant French pleas for large food shipments if Vichy will give concrete assurances that France will not cooperate further militarily with Berlin.

It is believed that Mr. Robert Murphy, Counselor of the U.S. Embassy at Vichy, carried a message to this effect to the French regime from Washington.

One big reason for the U.S. Government's concern is a desire to prevent German control of Dakar, even hours via

bomber from Brazil.

Meanwhile Admiral Darlan has returned to Vichy from his talks with Abetz and other Nazi officials in Paris with it is reported, a German proposal that France restore and maintain control of all her colonies.

Darlan conferred with Marshal Petain, and it is reported Germany has offered cooperation in measures to throw the de Gaulle forces out of French Africa.

It is also rumoured the Reich is seeking permission to transit troops across Syria to Iraq. — International News Service.

BY CONVOY IF NECESSARY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

SENATOR CLAUDE PEPPER DECLARED IN WASHINGTON YESTERDAY THAT "WE MUST GET WAR MATERIALS TO BRITAIN BY CONVOY IF NECESSARY."

Meanwhile Admiral Land urged Congress to rush passage of the Bill authorising the acquisition of 500,000 tons of idle foreign shipping in American ports, citing urgent shipping needs.

He hoped it would pass in two days but Congress leaders predicted it would take a fortnight. — International News Service.



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IRAQ SITUATION UNDER CONTROL

Greater Part Of Iraq Air Force Destroyed

Garrison Of Habbaniyah Intact

AN OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE ISSUED FROM BRITISH GENERAL HEADQUARTERS IN CAIRO YESTERDAY ON THE IRAQI DEVELOPMENTS STATES THAT IRAQI ARTILLERY POSTED IN THE VICINITY OF HABBANIYAH WAS RENDERED COMPARATIVELY INACTIVE ON SUNDAY BY OUR AIRCRAFT.

The garrison of Habbaniyah is intact and has suffered very few casualties from the unprovoked Iraqi attack.

The greater part of the Iraqi air force has already been destroyed by our air action either while attempting to attack British camps or as a result of attack by our air forces on Iraqi air bases.

After attacking an unarmed British construction gang, which was in the vicinity, Iraqi forces on May 2 occupied Rutbah.

In the Basra area our troops remain in occupation without interference.

An additional Middle East communique says that successful infantry patrols from Habbaniyah were carried out throughout Sunday night.

Not Serious

The communique adds that on Sunday there was intermittent shelling of the R.A.F. station at Habbaniyah by Iraqi artillery.

It was not of a serious nature owing to the constant air patrols maintained by British fighters and bombers.

"News" of the fighting also comes from German sources, a Beyrouth message quoted by the German news agency stating that British armoured cars attacked the Iraqi desert fort at Rutbah.

The message claims the attack was successfully repelled by the Iraqi troops.

No Germans

There is no evidence of the arrival of German aircraft or officers, it was stated in a review of the position in Iraq by military circles in Cairo.

The spokesman estimated the total strength of the Iraqi air force as 120 of all types, hardly any of them modern.

The unarmed party captured at Rutbah, mentioned in the official communique, consisted of three or four British officers and a few Sappers, the remainder being local labourers.

They were captured by a mobile Iraqi force.

Delicate

The spokesman said the situation around Habbaniyah was "a little difficult and delicate."

Apart from at Basra and Habbaniyah, the British had only a certain number of construction gangs working on the Baghdad-Haifa road, which passes through Rutbah.—Reuter.

STOCK EXCHANGE QUIETLY FIRM

The London Stock Exchange was quietly firm yesterday. Gilt-edged, home rails and a few leading industrials maintained early small advances but business failed to develop, apart from some professional support of home rails. Oils were dull, Kafirs irregular and foreign issues inclined to be easy. Wall Street was quietly steady.—Reuter.

CAPT. JAMES ROOSEVELT IN CALCUTTA

En route from Chungking to Cairo, where he and Major Thomas, of the U.S. Marine Corps, will establish headquarters as military observers, Capt. James Roosevelt, the President's eldest son, arrived in Calcutta yesterday.

He stated that when they reach Cairo they will receive instructions from Washington concerning their future programme.

China throughout, he said, had been receiving American supplies which would be increased in the near future.

"The morale of the Chinese is excellent and they are determined to carry on to victory."—Reuter.

KING'S HORSE WINS AT NOTTINGHAM

The King gained his second turf victory of the season when his Classics candidate, Merry Wanderer, won the May Handicap at Nottingham yesterday amid great enthusiasm.

Merry Wanderer, starting at odds of 10 to 1 and ridden by Peter Maher, on leave from the R.A.F., beat the Duke of Norfolk's 25/1 outsider Clean Sweep by eight lengths, with the 3/1 favourite, Salmoner, owned by the Queen's cousin, the Hon. J. Bowes-Lyon, third.—Reuter.

CROAT AUTONOMISTS DISSATISFIED

Information reaching authoritative Yugoslav circles "somewhere in the Middle East" declares considerable dissatisfaction is rife among Croat supporters of Hitler's new order in view of the action of Italy and Hungary in seizing large slices of Croatia, although the whole territory had been proclaimed an independent republic.—Reuter.



As in the other Commands of the Army, troops in Northern Iraq are paying great attention to salvage and anything that can be made use of is not wasted. Paper salvage, old books, periodicals, newspapers, etc., are carefully salvaged. The wire clips are removed before packing.

NAZI SHIPS IN THE ANTARCTIC

The Germans and Japanese have been in the Antarctic and British naval forces blew up a Norwegian whaler repair-ship in Deception Bay, to prevent her use by the Germans.

These reports have been brought back to the United States from Little America by members of Admiral Byrd's expedition, who returned to Boston yesterday.

Officers stated rumours of German operations near Deception Island came to them from other mariners, but the captain of Admiral Byrd's ship "North Star" declared that before the ship left the Antarctic he saw a Japanese whaler manoeuvring off the coast.—Reuter.

U.S. FLOUR FOR FRENCH

TWO FRENCH FREIGHTERS, ILE DE RE AND LEOPOLD, LADEN WITH 14,000 TONS OF AMERICAN FLOUR, HAVE ARRIVED AT MARSEILLES FROM THE U.S. SAYS THE VICHY NEWS AGENCY.

The gift will enable free rations to be distributed on three Saturdays, with the active help of the general delegate for the Red Cross in Europe, Mr. Allen, the agency adds.—Reuter.

YUGOSLAV PRESS BUREAU

The Royal Yugoslav Government has formed a joint press bureau with Serb, Croat and Slovene personnel as part of an organization creating uniformity in determination to wage a united struggle against the Axis.—Reuter.

TURKISH OFFER TO MEDIATE

It is now confirmed in London that the Turkish Government have offered to mediate between the British and Iraqi Governments, says Reuter's diplomatic correspondent.

The British Government, while greatly appreciating the friendly motive of the Turkish Government, have been compelled to point out that an essential prerequisite of entering into any negotiations is the withdrawal of Iraqi troops from Habbaniyah.—Reuter.

SHANGHAI RICE PRICE DROPS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

THE PRICE OF IMPORTED RICE IN SHANGHAI TOOK A SHARP DROP YESTERDAY MORNING, WITH A FURTHER DROP EXPECTED ON THE ARRIVAL OF THE COUNCIL'S FIRST SHIPMENT OF 5,000 TONS 10 DAYS HENCE.

The price decline was likewise affected by the French Concession decision to import rice from Indo-China which will probably result in an embargo imposed by Indo-China against imports to Shanghai for other parties. This step is similar to that taken by Hong Kong.—International News Service.

CANADA URGED TO GREATER EFFORT

EXPRESSING CONFIDENCE THAT THE PEOPLE WOULD FACE THE SACRIFICES IMPOSED BY THE NEW TAXES, THE OPPOSITION LEADER, MR. R. B. HANSON, OPENING THE BUDGET DEBATE IN THE CANADIAN HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY, WARNED GOVERNMENT OF WIDESPREAD DISSATISFACTION AS TO THE MANNER MONEY WAS BEING SPENT.

Peacetime expenditure must be cut to the bone, and he was equally confident that Canadians' demand was for the same high and inspiring leadership which Mr. Churchill was giving Britain and President Roosevelt was giving the United States, lighting the way and guiding the people along the path to ultimate victory.—Reuter.

£355,000 TO DUKE'S ESTATE

Further grants of probate, totalling £335,600, in respect of settled lands issued in the estate of the ninth Duke of Northumberland, Grenadier Guards, who died on active service last May, aged twenty-seven, make a total of £1,802,089 passing by his death. Estate duty on the £355,000 is to be accounted for later.

During the war the estates of rankers in the Fighting Forces who are killed on active service are exempt from estate duty. In the case of officers that first £5,000 of the estate is exempt. Above that amount the duty is assessed in the normal way, then discounted. This discount is based on the officer's normal expectation of life.

ENEMY PLANES OVER ALEXANDRIA

Enemy aircraft flew over Alexandria between 10 and 11.30 on Sunday night. There were no casualties or damage.—Reuter.

LIVERPOOL CARRIES ON:::FOUR BLITZ NIGHTS

At Least Eight Nazi Bombers Shot Down On Sunday

THE NAZI AIR FORCE LOST AT LEAST EIGHT BOMBERS ON SUNDAY NIGHT TO THE FIRE OF BRITISH NIGHT FIGHTERS, A.A. GUNS AND A DESTROYER WHEN THE PRINCIPAL TARGETS WERE NORTHERN IRELAND AND NORTH-WEST ENGLAND INCLUDING — FOR THE FOURTH NIGHT IN SUCCESSION — MERSEYSIDE.

The destroyer Southdown, it became known last night, raised the night's total to just half that of Saturday night when she was attacked by a twin-engined German bomber.

Her fire caused the raider to burst into flames and crash into the sea, and Southdown proceeded on her course without having suffered any casualties.

After four days and nights of raids Liverpool is carrying on.

Following a special meeting of the city's Emergency Committee, special arrangements were considered, and a statement was issued saying that Liverpool had passed through a serious trial. The Committee expressed its great appreciation of the spirit in which citizens had met the crisis.

It was a great inspiration, the Committee added, to know that Liverpool had not been behind other cities in its realisation of the importance of maintaining the steadiness of civic life.

Belfast Raid

For the second time in three weeks the Luftwaffe crossed the Irish Sea on Sunday night to strike indiscriminately at the patriotic Northern Ireland city of Belfast, writes Reuter's staff reporter.

Amid the misery of ruined homes, fortitude mingles with tremendous relief that casualties were not as heavy as at first feared.

The blow was, however, severe as the official communique shows with its reference to "much damage to commercial, industrial and residential property."

Gallant Nurses

At a hospital hit in a previous raid and damaged again on Sunday night, I have just been told of the gallantry of nurses who shepherded their patients—mostly women and children—to safety as flames swept part of the building.

Their calm courage was matched by A.R.P. workers and ambulance drivers who battled through the night to check fires and to bring in injured, and by those ordinary men and women whose homes have gone but who, since they felt they are in this war as completely as any part of Britain, now are not dismayed because they have felt its full severity.

ONLY A FEW HOURS AFTER THE SUN ROSE ON THE BATTERED CITY TIDYING UP PROCEEDED AS SWIFTLY AS POSSIBLE.

Meanwhile two German planes were shot down during daylight yesterday when a small number of enemy aircraft crossed the south-east coast of Britain.

Bombs were dropped at a point in the south-east and there were bursts of machine-gun fire but little damage and no casualties.

By "Accident"

One plane was destroyed by an R.A.F. pilot who was merely out testing his guns. He and his squadron leader were making for a suitable place to fire cannon shells when two German fighters were spotted. It is now known that in the attack on Merseyside on Friday

YUGOSLAV SHIPS IN U.S. PORTS

The U.S. Coastguard authorities announced yesterday that Coastguardsmen boarded Yugoslav ships as a precautionary measure at Brooklyn, New York, but declared the ships have not been "seized."

This announcement followed a report in the New York "Journal American" that the Yugoslav ships Sereca Nepi and President Kpaipic had been taken over.

The Coastguardsmen said, "When the Coastguard receives certain rumours we take certain action."

The "Journal American" reported that the President Kpaipic had attempted to flee but was captured off Staten Island at the entrance to New York harbour.

Coastguard headquarters stated they understood the reason for the move was to determine whether the officers and crews of the vessels were loyal to King Peter or to the new Government established in Yugoslavia by the Germans.

Loyal Crews

Inspection of the ships is believed to have established that they are loyal to King Peter and to Britain and no further action is being taken, although a close watch will be kept on the ships.

There are 17 Yugoslav ships in U.S. ports at present. — Reuter.

VAN KLEFFENS' VISIT DOWN UNDER

The Netherlands Foreign Minister, Dr. van Kleffens, and M. Welter, have arranged to visit Australia on May 12 for six days. They will then go to New Zealand, and on May 24 will proceed by air to San Francisco. — Reuter.

night another enemy bomber was shot down by A.A. fire, making a total of six destroyed that night. — Reuter.

THE GERMAN DILEMMA

Colonel Kleen, writing in the Stockholm "Vecko-journalen," declares that despite Germany's tremendous victories there is no triumphant rejoicing in Germany, for in fact, as a German has said, "The more victorious the more worries."

German administrative machinery is being strained to its utmost as well as German finances. The German people are bearing such burdens that they cannot rejoice.

Every victory is followed by a demand for a new one—there is no sign of a decisive victory. Why?

The Germans are fighting the British Empire backed by the United States.

Ninety million Germans, supported by 43,000,000 Italians, are fighting two world Powers of 661,000,000 inhabitants, possessing material and a war potential greatly superior to the Axis powers and aided by the rich Dutch East Indies.

IF THE GERMAN WAR MACHINE COULD GET AT THE ANGLO-SAXON POWERS, THE RESULT MIGHT NOT BE IN DOUBT BUT THE SEA COMES IN BETWEEN.

Food And Oil

There is no indication that Britain cannot ride out the storm, despite bombed towns and sunk ships.

The conclusion is that the German army can score victories but cannot exploit them.

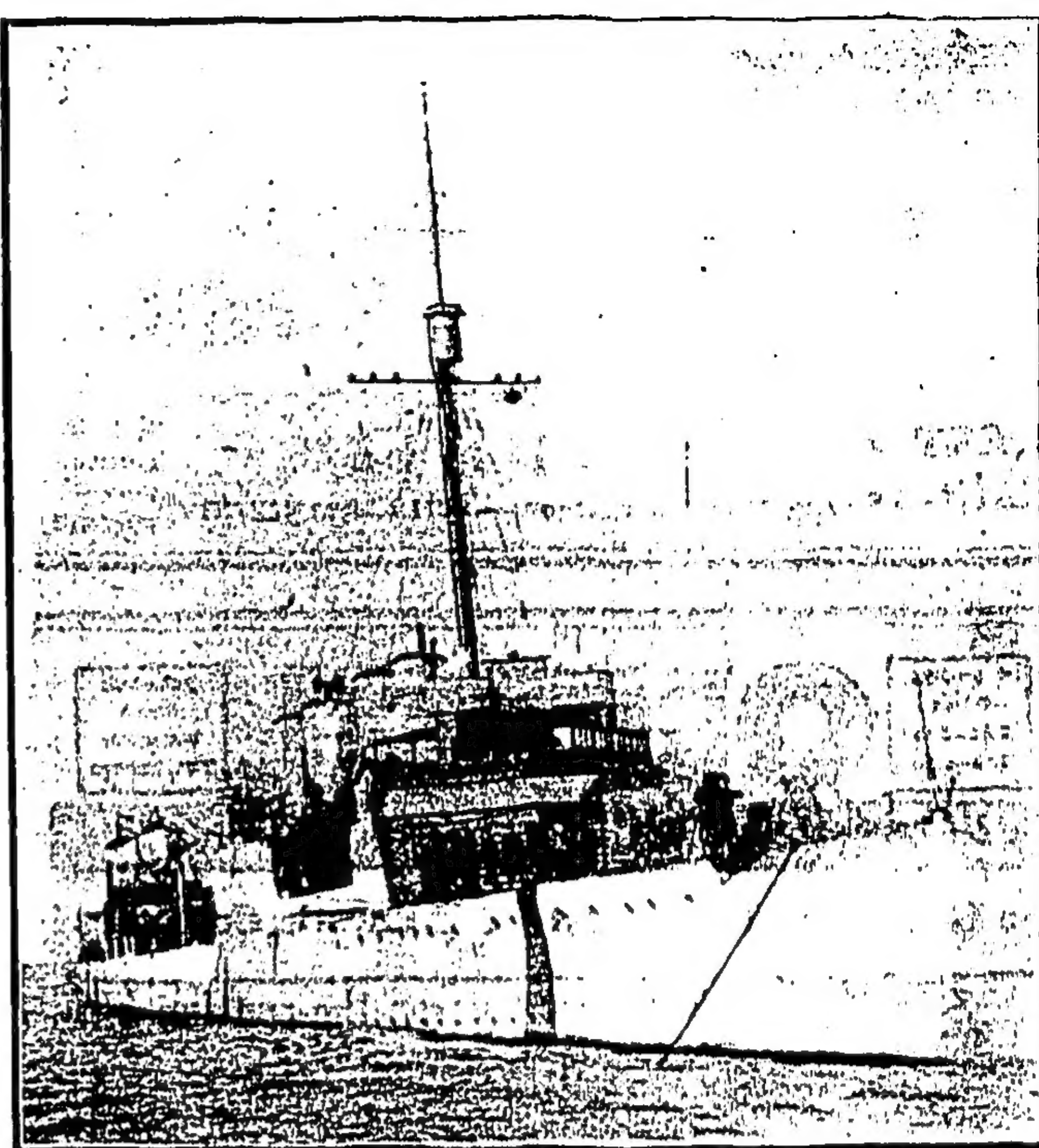
When there are no more battlefields left, the war will become a fight for food and oil, and in that fight the Anglo-Saxon world powers have the upper hand. — Reuter.

MIGHTY WALLOP

THE FIGHT FOR FREEDOM WILL BE WON "BECAUSE CANADA AS WELL AS BRITAIN AND ALL THOSE ASSOCIATED WITH HER WILL STOP AT NOTHING WHICH CAN EFFECTIVELY BE DONE TO ENSURE THE OVERTHROW OF NAZISM," DECLARED THE CANADIAN DEFENCE MINISTER IN A SPEECH AT TORONTO YESTERDAY.

He belatedly the events of the past week—the steps by the U.S. for increased aid to Britain—had given the enemy a "mighty wallop."

Reviewing the growth of Canada's armed forces, Col. Ralston said the Navy now had over 180 ships compared with 15 before the war, while the Air Force had grown to a strength of 50,000 men. — Reuter.



One of Britain's newest acquisitions, H.M.S. Reading, a Town Class Destroyer.

D.E.I.'S AVENGING BOMBERS

With the objective of Prince Bernhard's amalgamated Dutch East Indies Spitfire Funds in sight, ensuring the purchase of a squadron of Rotterdam bombers, to avenge the city's destruction, efforts are now being made to raise money to purchase a number of motor torpedo-boats for the Royal Dutch Navy to assist the struggle at sea. — Reuter.

ROOSEVELT ON FINAL TRIUMPH

A message expressing confidence in the final triumph of the Democracies has been sent by President Roosevelt to the President of Poland, on the occasion of Polish National Day and the 150th anniversary of the Polish Constitution.

President Roosevelt assured Poland of "our unfailing friendship and understanding and our confidence in the final triumph of the forces of the Democracies." — Reuter.

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HITLER'S FAILURE TO REPEAT PROMISE WAR TO END IN 1941

FIRST COMMENTS ON HITLER'S SPEECH TO APPEAR IN THE SWISS PRESS STRESS THE FACT HE DISAPPOINTED HIS AUDIENCE THROUGH INABILITY TO REPEAT THE PROMISE THAT THE WAR WOULD BE FINISHED THIS YEAR.

His omission of any reference to Germany's relations with the United States is singled out for special emphasis by the Stockholm newspaper "Aftonbladet." The omission, says the paper, probably means that the atmosphere is too charged to allow an utterance regarding German plans.

A declaration by Hitler regarding the consequences of the Roosevelt policy had been expected, adds the newspaper, and continues "Berlin obviously prefers to continue to await the result of the internal trial of strength in United States."

The Vichy news agency, by dint of dating its observations on Hitler's speech from Berne, contrives to comment comparatively freely upon it.

The agency quotes the Berlin correspondent of the Swiss newspaper "Bund" as attributing great importance to Hitler's exhortation to the German people to increase the national effort in war production.

Important Element

The correspondent continues: "Hitler is doubtless aware that American aid constitutes an important element in British resistance, and consequently he considers that an increase in armaments production is indispensable."

"There is reason to believe compulsory labour service in the Reich will shortly be applied to all women and girls not hitherto employed in agriculture and war industries."

"Germany wants to push her efforts to the extreme to prevent the time factor coming into play."

"Hitler thinks, perhaps not without reason, that a final increase in the national labour effort is still possible."

Got To Go Through

The correspondent, states the Vichy agency, concludes by remarking that the speech gave it to be understood that Hitler considers the task of wiping out Britain, notwithstanding American aid, as a very risky undertaking but that now he has got to go through with it to the end. — Reuter.

"INTOLERABLE" IN TUBE SHELTER

SLEEPING WITH HER TWO CHILDREN IN A TUBE STATION, A WOMAN WOKE IN THE EARLY HOURS TO FIND A STRANGE MAN LYING UNDER HER BLANKETS. WHEN SHE SCREAMED HE RAN UP THE ESCALATOR, OTHER SHELTER-FERS FOLLOWED AND DETAINED HIM.

The man, Charles Shields, forty-two who had been employed as a stoker at the Royal Free Hospital, was at London Sessions sent to prison for six months for assaulting the woman, Mrs. Minnie Baker, of Old Gloucester-street, W.C.

"You have behaved in a way intolerable in Tube stations in these days and anyone who does so must go to prison," said the deputy chairman, Mr. A. W. Cockburn.

Shields said that he had been drinking and could find no place to lie down except where he did. If he touched Mrs. Baker it was accidental.

HONEYMOON COTTAGE

Newly-wed Mr. and Mrs. Walter Matthews, of Fulham, London, S.W., were the fourth generation of honeymooners to arrive at a little cottage in Norfolk.

Each quarter-century when the cottage garden is filled with spring flowers a newly-married couple has arrived to make Primrose Cottage, Whitton, their honeymoon home.

"Perhaps one day it will be our permanent home like it was great grandmother's," twenty-three-year-old Walter Matthews said to his young wife Gertrude.

Twenty-five years ago Walter's father took his young bride to the family cottage for their honeymoon. The bride's bouquet came from the same shop as Gertrude's.

"We hope that even the fifth and sixth generations of Matthews will come to the cottage for their honeymoon," Walter's mother told a reporter at her home in Queensmill Road, Fulham.

"Walter and Gertrude are going to live in Fulham, but they will spend holidays at the cottage. It was the home of Walter's great-grandmother. She, his grandmother, myself and now Gertrude, all spent our honeymoons there."

HEROINE SAVED 4 IN DEBRIS

Twenty-year-old Peggy Stanley and her fifteen-year-old sister Jean were visiting a friend's house when a solitary bomb fell in a London area.

Peggy and Jean were in the kitchen with Mrs. Horner, nineteen-year-old Peggy Horner, her daughter, and fifteen-year-old Doreen Distant when there was a terrific explosion.

The kitchen door fell on Peggy Stanley's back, with debris piling up on it. But she did not move. She supported the door with her body, preventing the debris from crashing into the kitchen, and held it there while her friends crawled out of the room. She then managed to escape herself.

Peggy afterwards found that her own home had been made uninhabitable by the blast, but after a sleepless night she turned up at her work-place as usual the next morning.

The building where she worked had also been damaged and she helped to clear up the mess.

When her employer suggested she should take a day or two off she said "No, I want to get on with my work."

Rescue workers in another part of the area had to dig a tunnel to free an elderly woman who had been trapped when her house collapsed.

Several bodies were recovered and it is believed that more are buried. Three sisters and two babies were among the dead.

SHANGHAI POLICE STRIKE AVERTED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") The threatened strike in the western area of Shanghai special police was averted by the granting of an increase of \$70 for men with \$30 salaries, according to an official statement.—International News Service.

THEY LOVED, PLANNED A DREAM HOME . . .

(By A Special Correspondent)

THE AIRMAN they call Leo the Lion is dead, and in Dover Castle a lovely W.R.E.N. whose heart he won in a whirlwind wooing has only her memories left. The dream home for two they were going to build at Adelaide, Australia, will remain a dream.

Flying-Officer Leslie Clisby, D.F.C., who came from Australia to help the Motherland, was a pilot whose record of daring was something outstanding even for the R.A.F.

He has now been officially reported as dead after shooting down his twenty-fifth Nazi plane—fourteen of them in one day.

He won the heart of Phyllis Austin, W.R.E.N. telephonist, with the same storm tactics as he used in bringing down Huhs.

He was on leave in Dover when he saw her in the street. He admitted afterwards that he fell in love with her "in a second" and immediately tried to speak to her.

To Phyllis Austin, however, he was just a good-looking officer trying to make her acquaintance, and she walked straight on.

An hour later she left her hair-dressers—and there on the

doorstep was Leo the Lion. "I've got to know you" he said. She walked on again.

He was not beaten. In twenty-four hours he had been introduced to her, and by the time his leave was up they were engaged.

Leo the Lion went back to duty. He sent her letters right up to the fatal crash, and a grinning snap of himself in full flying kit.

He did not tell her that he got three bombers one day, that he was a byword for courage throughout all the squadrons in his area.

He was too busy writing to her about Australia and the home they were going to make just outside Adelaide to mention these things.

Now Phyllis Austin says she has just one ambition. She will go to Adelaide and make a home for herself just outside the town.

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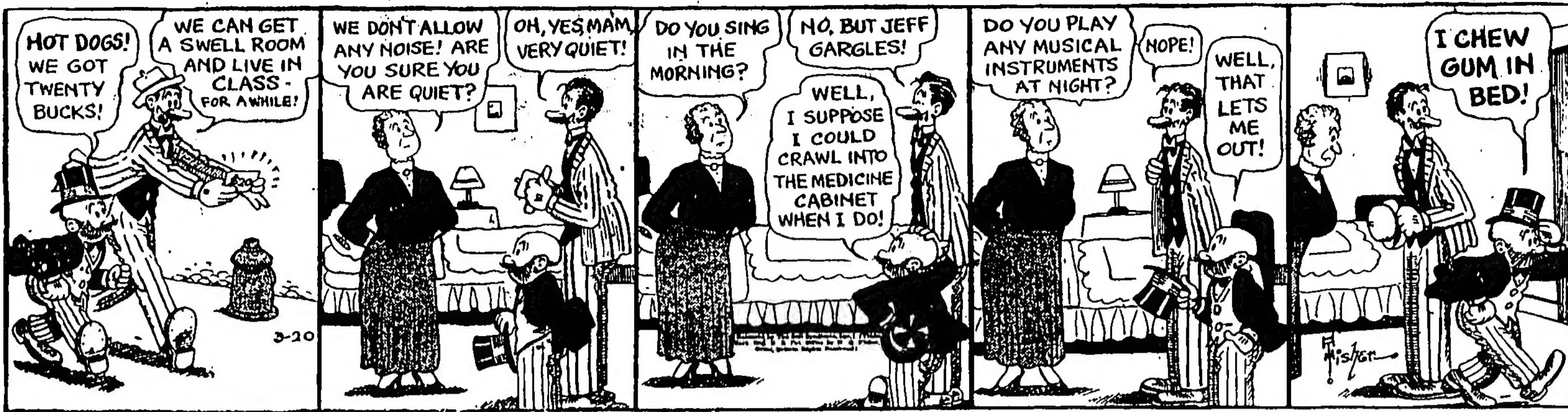
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MARY GOLDING'S CUPS OF TEA

(By A Special Correspondent)

ENTER seventy-seven-year-old Mrs. Mary Golding carrying a cup of tea. It is for the first customer in her restaurant, rebuilt after a fire blitz.

It is her triumph in a life devoted to seeing that people got a nice cup of tea. When she was seventeen, Grandfather Joshua Melhuish put her in charge of a small dairy shop in the centre of Bristol.

People often asked her for cups of tea. Repeatedly she begged her grandfather to let her serve them. Always he refused.

One day he gave in, went out and bought her a teapot and cups. From that small beginning Mr. Melhuish developed many other shops, a large restaurant and hotel, and eventually turned his business into a limited company.

Mrs. Golding married when she was twenty and retired from tea-serving.

But she often came in to give a hand at busy times. She became, too, a director of the company. She put her son, another Joshua, into the business thirty years ago.

His Mother Won

In the fire blitz, shops, restaurant and hotel vanished within a few hours.

Mrs. Golding—undaunted, still determined to see that people got a nice cup of tea in spite of Hitler wanted to restart the restaurant in an old property in another district.

Depressed by the total loss of their long-established business, her fifty-six-year-old son tried to deter her.

It meant, he pointed out, starting on the bottom rung again in difficult circumstances. He thought it might be too much for her.

But Mrs. Golding was determined. People must have food and drink.

Eventually she persuaded her son to agree with her.

As she got her way with serving a cup of tea at the age of seventeen, so she got it this time at the age of seventy-seven.

PLANNING A DREAM CITY OUT OF RUINS

Replanning of the centre of Coventry, with ringed, and radial roadways to relieve traffic congestion is proposed in a scheme adopted by the city council.

Historic buildings which escaped the big raid on November 14-15, and the cathedral ruins, are preserved as features in open spaces and gardens.

The scheme prepared by the city architect, Mr. D. E. Gibson, will be submitted to the Ministry of Works and Buildings for consideration as a guide to future legislation on the redevelopment of blitzed towns.

A new civic centre is grouped around a central park on the site of the present pool meadow and provision is made for an entertainment centre, big hotels, a main shopping centre and market on the arcade system.

Where rehousing becomes necessary it is proposed this should be in tall blocks of flats to release land for open spaces and gardens.

The Council also decided that the general rate when made should not exceed the present figure of 14s. in the pound.

In the absence of any announcement regarding Government policy, this proposal was based upon there being a Government grant equivalent to the loss of rate income arising from air raids.

LEFT FILM TO JOIN UP

As the title of a gangster film flashed on the screen of a cinema in Exeter more than 200 boys hurriedly left for the exits. Yet they had come to the cinema expressly to see the film.

The youngsters had just heard a recruiting appeal for the Air Training Corps. It came at the end of a stage show by a band of R.A.F. entertainers.

The appeal urged the lads to "enrol now." So they signed on in the foyer of the cinema—the first of the second hundred thousand.

FROM BAD TO NURSE

A husband told the magistrate at Highgate, London:—"When my wife made life somewhat difficult for me by expecting me to do the housework and wait on her hand and foot, I consulted friends older than us and they suggested a baby might make her more reasonable."

"A baby came along—and then my troubles increased."

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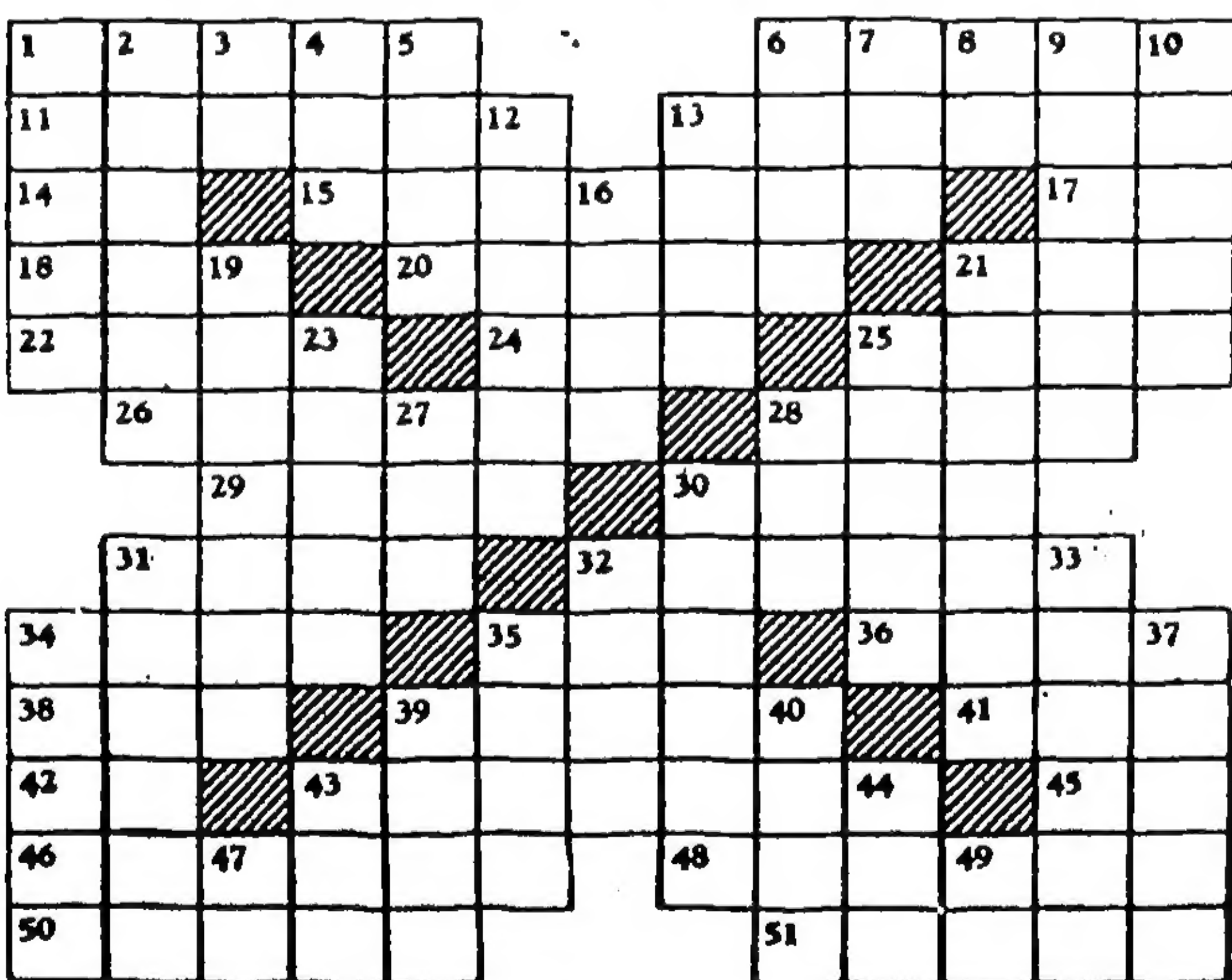
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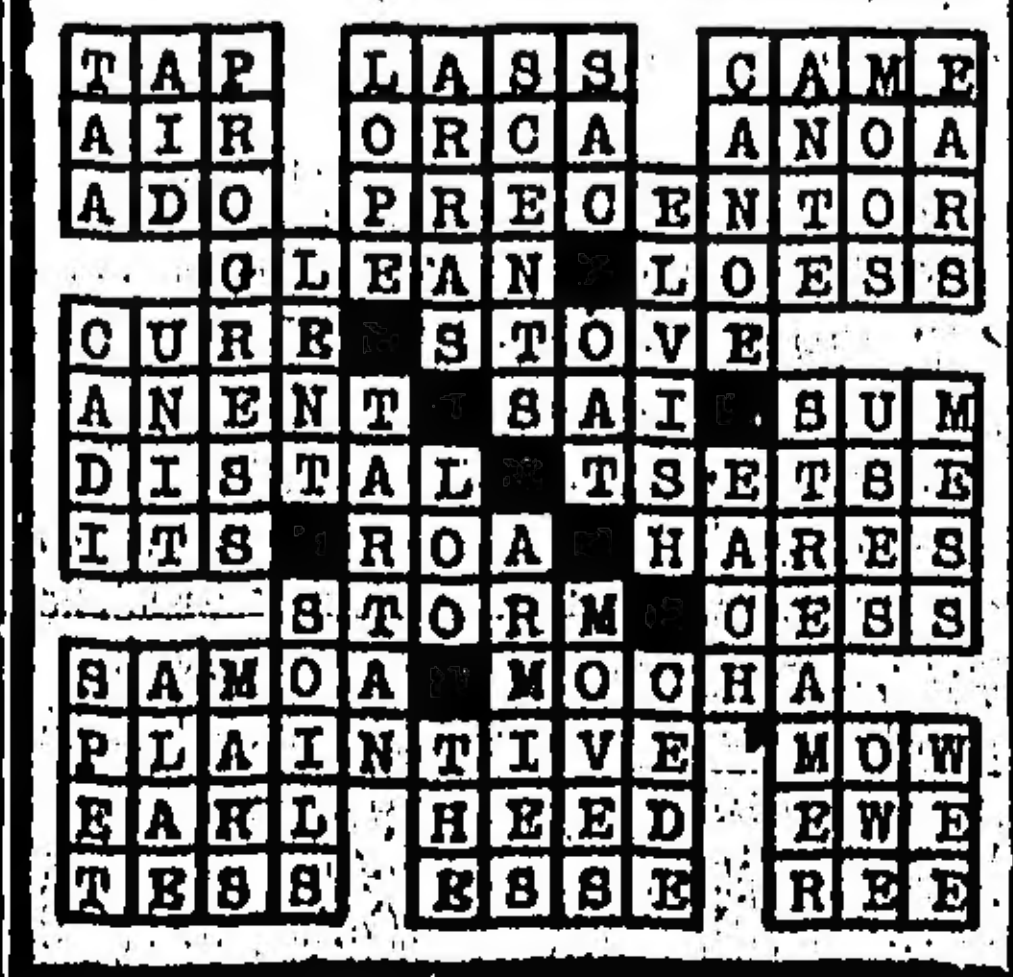
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1 To escape
6 Archaic pronoun
11 To receive
13 Anglo-Saxon freemen
14 Earth goddess
15 Removes
17 You and me
18 Bitter vetch
20 Style of type
21 Devoured
22 Bristle
24 Equality
25 Imitated
26 City in Colorado
28 Ancient musical instrument
29 Chills and fever
30 Dye plant
31 Pintail duck
32 Vulture
34 Pitcher
35 Sea-eagle
36 Protection
38 To shake
39 Characteristic
41 Pronoun
42 Latin conjunction

43 North American river
45 Symbol for tellurium
46 Fetters
48 Slept
50 Movable shelters
51 Cymba lobe

VERTICAL
1 Borders
2 Turned
3 Arab (abbr.)
4 Acted
5 At any time
6 At that time
7 Possesses

8 Preposition
9 Neither masculine nor feminine
10 Ancient chariot
12 Epic poem
13 Former ruler
16 Persian poet
19 Large vessel
21 Justification
23 Wrath
25 Apart
27 Opening in a helmet
28 Girl's name
30 Pertaining to the Muses
31 To wrap
32 Rough rock
33 Turbulent person
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RAILWAYMAN FOUND 1,000 IN SNOW

(By A Special Correspondent)

A RAILMAN trying to fight his way to work during the great snowstorm which swept the North of England, stumbled by chance upon a thousand "lost" people — trapped in a string of six trains buried in drifts only five miles from Newcastle-on-Tyne. Some of the passengers were trapped for thirty-six hours.

Climbing over a drift the railman discovered he had landed on the roofs of some carriages which he presumed were empty. As he started to walk along this high level route through the snow, he was amazed to hear voices.

Then he found the buried carriages were packed with hungry men, women and children who had passed the night sleeping on floors, seats and luggage racks. Among them were several mothers with young children.

One after another six trains had been forced to stop until there was a string of about seventy-five stranded carriages.

36 Hours in Train

A passenger and the railwayman who had found the trains set out to seek help and made their way to the next station, and hours later managed to send a message to Newcastle.

Railway officials sought the aid of the military and in an hour and a half, the snowfall having stopped, a cavalcade of railway and army lorries laden with bread, pies, sausage rolls, cake, tea and a supply of goat's milk, set out to find and feed the lost thousand.

Six men rode with each lorry to clear the snow. Every quarter-mile they had to stop to dig their way through tremendous drifts. When they got within half a mile of the stranded trains they left the lorries to hew the remainder of the way.

Down this snow-walled road they carried the food to the starving passengers and milk for the children.

Some of the passengers were carried back on the return journey, but others had to stay on the trains until rescued by other lorries, spending in all thirty-six hours in the carriages.

Birds Hid In Buses

The Flying Scotsman, crack express, was snowbound for thirteen hours a few miles north of Newcastle, and reached Edinburgh the following afternoon — thirty hours late.

Two M.P.s—Mr. David Kirkwood and Mr. George Mathers—on a rail trip from London to Edinburgh, had to live on six biscuits each for a day and a half. The journey took fifty-five hours.

In Newcastle buses and trams were stranded in the streets for twenty-four hours as soldiers and roadmen struggled to clear the snow.

When the time came to move the buses and trams again the transportmen found that birds, exhausted by their struggle in the snow, had taken refuge in the vehicles and turned them into aviaries.

STANDARD ANGLO- U.S. PLANES

United States officials have worked out details for the standardisation of aircraft equipment in both countries, Major Gen. Henry H. Arnold, United States Air Chief, said in a press conference.

The standardisation of equipment was made "so that when our airplanes come over they will be equally acceptable as the British," he said. "The two countries are not hiding anything from each other in the matter of aircraft equipment."

'PLANE FIRES ON CHILDREN

Cruising low over three East Coast villages, a Dornier "Flying Pencil" machine-gunned children, a district nurse and other women, as well as thatched cottages.

The children, on their way to school threw themselves into a roadside ditch when the raider opened fire.

The Dornier skimmed the hedgerows at an inland village and flew towards the coast.

Once it paused to circle and machine-gun a poultry farm. Then it paused at the height of a village church tower to send more bursts at a horse and cart on a road.

No one was hurt.

London Day Bombs

A few seconds after a London alert in the morning, an enemy plane flew over one district and dropped a stick of bombs which damaged a number of shops and houses.

Police - Constable Welham was killed while on patrol, and several people were injured by bombs.

An oil bomb and an H.E. bomb were dropped in a neighbouring area and caused damage to houses.

THE WITCHES ARE AFTER OLD ADOLF

SOLEMN EFFORTS to destroy Hitler by witchcraft are being made nightly by a group of men and women in Washington, District of Columbia. These people, all believers in the power of sorcery, sit in a ring round a small cushion image of Hitler, sticking pins, needles and nails into it.

At the same time they chant the following dreadful incantation—

"Tatan, come and help us, we are driving nails and needles, We are driving pins and needles into Adolf Hitler's heart."

"We are driving nails and needles, we are driving pins and needles, "Cats will claw his heart in darkness, dogs will bite it in the night."

Leader of the group is Mr. Richard Tupper, who says that its women members make the best witches.

Blood-Curdling

"They rasp out incantations that curdle your blood as they

MY HAT! IT'S MURDER

My hat! said Louis Blanea a New York night watchman when a lorry ran over his straw hat.

Louis never forgave the lorry driver, Joseph Libozetta and now, nearly a year after the loss of the hat, he shot him.

So Louis is in gaol awaiting trial for murder.

SALMON, CHAMPAGNE, HAD 1s. 1d.

This little dialogue between magistrate and accused man took place in Westminster Police Court when Frederick Griggs, twenty-nine, unemployed munition worker, of Glenview Road, Abbey Wood London, was remanded in custody on a charge of incurring a debt of 18s. 6d. at the Grosvenor Hotel Restaurant, Victoria, by false pretences. Griggs pleaded not guilty.

A waiter at the restaurant told that late at night Griggs ordered boiled salmon and a half-bottle of champagne. When handed the bill he asked for a double rum, but it was then too late. Eventually he said he had no money, and wished to give his name and address.

Griggs: I tried three places before going to the Grosvenor, but they were all shutting up, and I thought the were trying to bar me from coming in. I saw the Grosvenor was open, and went in. I had more than I could pay for.

What is your excuse for ordering salmon and champagne when you had only 1s. 1d. in your pocket?

When I looked at the menu I thought I might as well have a spread. I should have looked ridiculous to have walked out after having sat down.

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stick things into the doll's vitals," he said.

The ritual of the anti-Hitler sessions was planned on the recommendation of William Seabrook, of New York, world authority on witchcraft.

Mr. Seabrook says that Hitler hears about them, he may worry himself into a bad spell, and perhaps into the grave.

The history of witchcraft, he adds, records many cases of people being ruined by the knowledge of attempts to cast a spell on them.

And Mr. Tupper hopes that thousands of people all over the world will form similar witchcraft circles with the great ideal of casting the worst possible spell on Adolf.

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NOTHING OR EVERYTHING?

"Germany demanded nothing of England and France." Once again Hitler has stressed this point. It apparently mystifies him that these two countries should have declared war on the Third Reich. He speaks as if he cannot understand such a situation. It is possible he cannot. That may be why he refers to it so often in an attempt to justify the Nazi position.

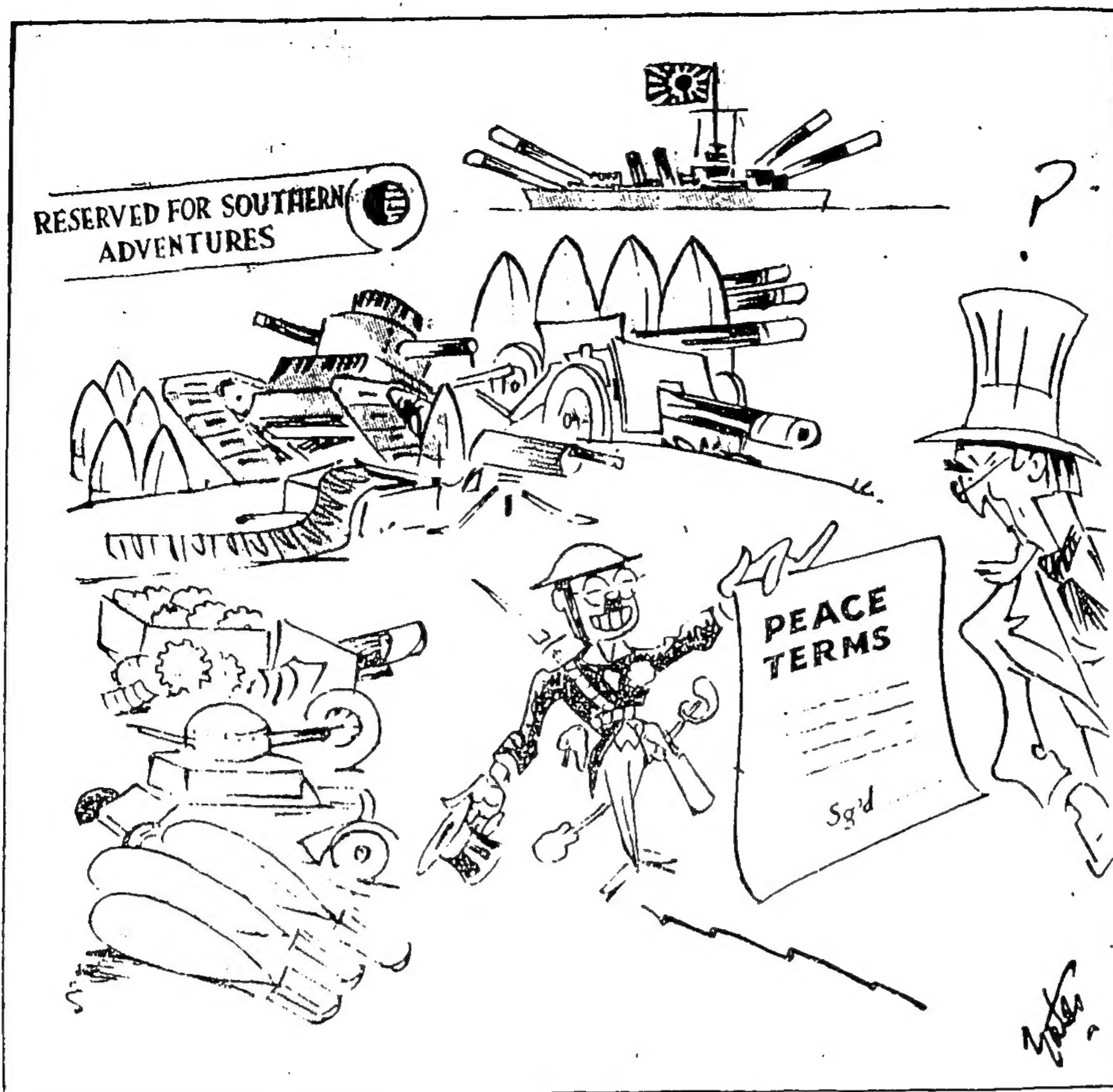
Herr Hitler speaks of Poland. It was not Poland that was so important to Britain, but a stable international society in which all nations, larger and smaller than Poland, could live in security. Poland was the final line drawn by the British after the trial of Nazi good faith in Czechoslovakia had brought disillusionment.

As a matter of strategy, the drawing of the line in Poland was not attractive. It was drawn there because public opinion in Britain would not wait until after another retreat to make a stand against aggression. So far from "thrusting Poland forward," as Herr Hitler charges British leaders with doing, Britain showed that she would have welcomed a peaceful settlement of the German claims against Poland if this could have been achieved by anything approaching real negotiation.

Statements that "Germany demanded nothing of England" must be meant for German ears alone. They do not help Nazi propaganda among free peoples. In fact, the statement that "Germany demanded nothing of England" is one answer to fence-sitters in the United States or elsewhere who suspect Britain of fighting "another imperialist war." Had Britain been content with the sort of Europe Nazism was aiming at, it need not have feared Nazi demands, according to Herr Hitler himself.

Then why is Britain fighting? For the same reason, evidently, that the United States is aiding Britain's fight. The position of neither of these countries is taken wholly in a spirit of self-sacrificing altruism. But both have developed a view of their own self-interest that inevitably includes the self-interest of other nations as well. Both are opposing Nazism because they are not sure they could exist as free nations

of free peoples in the kind of world Nazism would create. When Mr. Churchill and President Roosevelt speak of fighting for the rights of small nations they are talking of a cold fact, not of a warm wish. The kind of world America and Britain need is the kind of world in which small as well as large nations will be safe.



THE NEW PACIFICISM

Fleet Seeks The Enemy

We had sailed from our base on a winter's evening: capital ships, cruisers and destroyers. The sky was grey and lowering, and the weather forecast none too good.

Soon after moving out to sea through the narrow entrance in the boom, one felt the ship curtsey to the first of the swell. The wind freshened and the sea increased as we drew out from under the lee of the land. Heavy spray, soon to be succeeded by occasional green seas, came surging over the fore-castle to deluge the foremost gun turrets. The great ship started to pitch slightly, to roll a little.

An hour or two later the clouds had started to disperse. Through the masses of frayed out cirrus driving overhead a bright moon and clusters of stars shone down upon us.

The visibility was good when the moon was clear in the sky, and a few cables away I watched the black shape of a destroyer, sharply silhouetted against a heaving silvery sea, plunging like a maddened thing.

The seas cascaded over her fore-castle as she dipped her bows under. Sheets of shining, iridescent spray swept high over her bridge and funnel tops. It was beautiful to watch; but supremely uncomfortable for her. Few on board that little ship can have slept during the wildness of the night.

I remembered that this must be only one of the hundreds of such nights she had spent at sea since this war began. Destroyers

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are probably the hardest worked ships in the fleet, and among the most comfortable.

Ready To Meet The Foo

There was little real sleep on board our ship. Most of our armament was manned and ready for instant action. In spite of our deep movement, a few shrouded figures dozed beside their guns, while their fellows, connected by telephone to the control positions, remained alert and wakeful.

High up on the bridge, more filled with complicated instruments than any telephone exchange, officers and lookout men kept their ceaseless watch, sweeping the horizon with their glasses.

In a brilliantly-lit room nearby, with every chink of light rigorously excluded, more officers bent over a chart, marking down this and that. Messages came flickering through the ether to the wireless cabinets, to be translated into language of significant purport.

In the engine, boiler and auxiliary machinery rooms more men drove the ship through the gradually rising sea. In a score of different places in the ship, in the bakery and galley, men went about their business. Passing through the darkened messdecks on my way forward I saw no more than a few oilskinned or duffcoated figures stretched uneasily out on the deck or the mess-stools.

Bugle calls and orders coming through the loudspeakers heralded the changing of the watches at midnight and 4 a.m. Overhead the wind howled and the seas came crashing over the fore-castle. The long night moved slowly on. The smell of breakfast pervaded the ship an hour before dawn. The meal was finished before the first pale gleams of wintry light came filtering through the clouds on the eastern horizon. We assumed the "first defence of readiness", the naval counterpart of standing

to arms. We had hoped; but were disappointed. Full daylight came to reveal a horizon, barren except for our own ships.

Continual Guard Against Air Attack

Visibility was extreme, with a sky heavily dupped with cloud. While some of our crew were allowed to leave their action stations the anti-aircraft armament remained almost wholly manned. We were not out of range of enemy bombers or reconnaissance planes.

It still blew half-a-gale, with a heavy, breaking swell rolling down from the horizon.

The weather faces of the swells were all furred and ruffled by the wind; their slopes streaked and patterned with a delicate network of yeasty white. The ships, particularly the destroyers, rolled and pitched and tumbled as they drove to windward. Breakfast, with daylight and full visibility, had all brought comfort. Yet a sense of disappointment remained.

We had hoped, with all the fervour we possessed, that daylight might bring the welcome sight of enemy masts and funnels silhouetted against the pale sky over the horizon. But it was not to be.

I was glad to have the chance of seeing something of the work of the Home Fleet at sea, for it is playing a most important part in the war.

What particularly struck me was the great keenness and cheerfulness of the officers and men, who are having a tough time with plenty of work at sea, in one of the most inhospitable areas in the world.

I met some who had not set foot out of their ships for six and eight months. Yet I never heard a grumble, though not a few were a little jealous because their comrades in the Mediterranean were having all the fun. They were all so intensely keen to come to grips with the enemy.

My chief impressions were those of silent watchfulness, and each man doing his job.

The vigilance and readiness of the fleet were borne in upon me, again and again, and I was at sea in three different ships—a destroyer, a cruiser, and a battleship. Some day that eternal vigilance must be rewarded.

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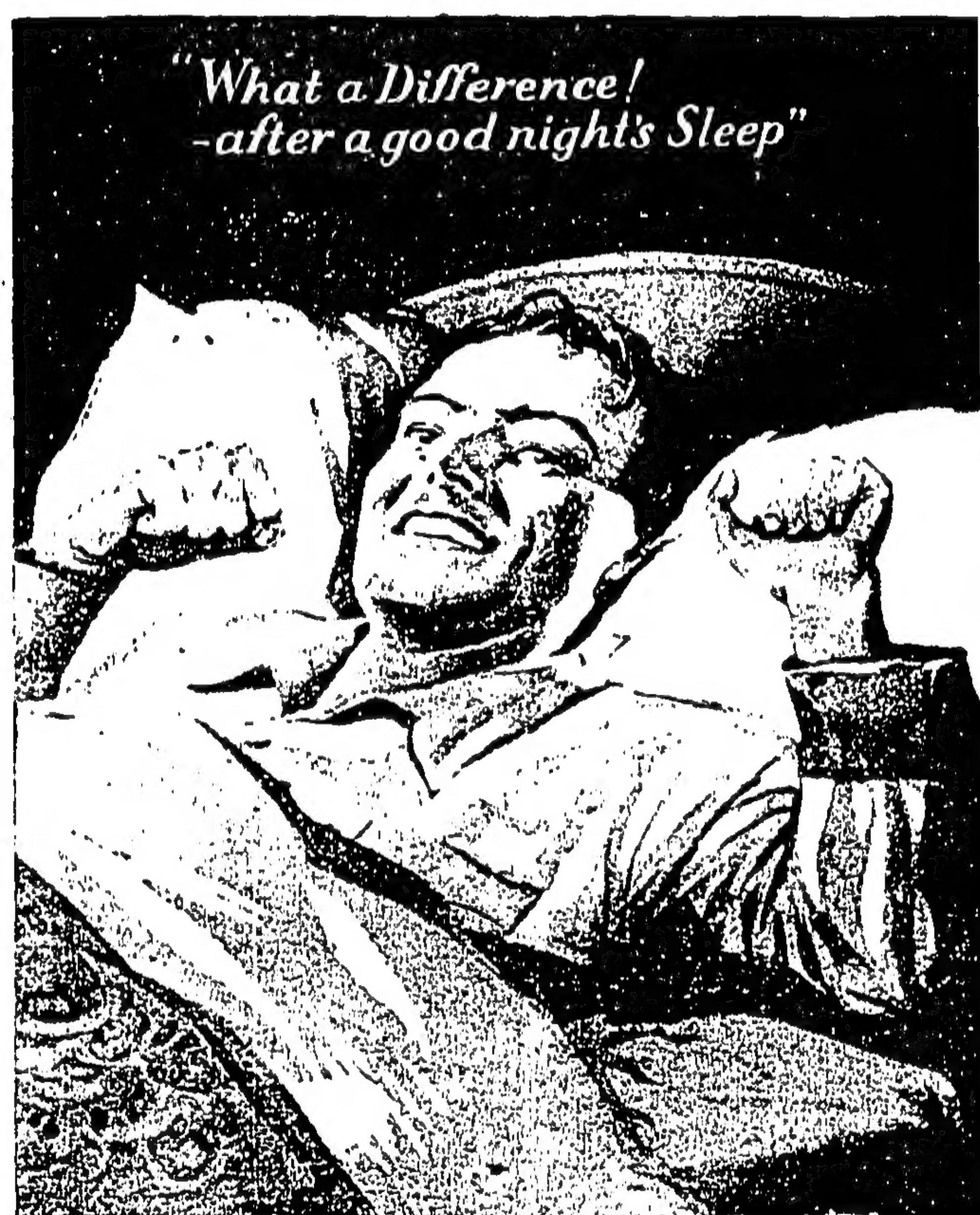
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BROTHERHOOD OF ALLY AIR FORCES

(By Wing Commander L. V. Fraser)

SKILLED PILOTS and mechanics from occupied European countries have made their way to Britain in large numbers, and are still arriving. They include men from Poland, Czechoslovakia, Norway, Holland, Belgium and France. They are working and flying side by side with Britons, of their own free will in ever increasing numbers. Not the least of the handicaps they have had to overcome has been that of language, but they are now operating as an integral part of the R.A.F.

Well trained in their own countries, their methods differed from those of the R.A.F. in varying degrees. Essential co-ordination was achieved by intensive training, and although efficient absorption was difficult, it has been accomplished.

The first task was to give all the foreign airmen a working knowledge of operational English, and they received scientifically presented instruction. By easy but rapid stages proficiency was built up, and with the help of gramophone records and social contacts they were able to "learn by doing."

Many of the Polish airmen had fought in France, and were quickly brought together in fighter squadrons. Later some were transferred to the bombers and army co-operation aircraft. Many were engaged in target towing and in ferrying aeroplanes. In addition to forming their own squadrons, large numbers were taken into British squadrons once the language difficulty had been overcome.

New Schools Opened

During the winter new schools and units came into being, and are going ahead with the passing out of trained personnel at the right speed to fill vacancies when they occur. There is also a field for recruiting among Poles overseas. Czechs are in a similar position.

Members of the Czech air force escaped at great risk to themselves, often under the very noses of the Gestapo. Although their country was under the heel of the Nazis, they fashioned their own organization for escape. Pilots and mechanics found their way first to France and later to Britain.

Members of the Dutch air force are now serving in their own unit with the coastal command of the R.A.F. Belgian fighter pilots are in the course of organization. Their training was largely along the lines adopted by the R.A.F., and many were accustomed to flying Hurricanes, which they used in their own country. They mix easily and well with British pilots and ground crews.

Free Frenchmen continue to arrive in Britain from all parts of the world. They have been doing fine service in this part of the world.

Problems Overcome

The early problems of administration have been solved. Pay provision for dependents, and the preservation of national unity have all been considered and dealt with. The result is a keen and powerful force of allied airmen operating with the R.A.F. Every man's memory is a personal incentive to action against the Germans.

Their escapes were often narrow, and always audacious. A Norwegian flew a Heinkel aircraft from a German occupied aerodrome and brought it to Britain.

Some Free Frenchmen commandeered aircraft belonging to the armistice commission in North Africa and flew them to the other side of the Mediterranean, ultimately making their way to Britain.

Czechs tried every means to get away from their country. Some were successful, but others were caught and suffered death or imprisonment. To-day they are adding to the toll they have already taken of their enemy. One Polish squadron recently brought down 120 German aircraft in a short series of battles. Another drove into a formation of sixty bombers, shooting down four.

Czech pilots escaped from their homes, and fought with the

Lafayette and Cigogne squadrons in France. They destroyed 140 German planes in six weeks during the Battle of France. In the London area one of eight Czech squadrons accounted for 37 enemy aircraft in a month.

Everywhere the fierce patriotism and courage of the allied air forces are shown in the battle with the Nazis. They are united in one service. They fight with one object—freedom for their own and all other countries.

ARCTIC MALADY FOR NAZIS

HUNDREDS OF GERMAN TROOPS STATIONED IN NORTHERN NORWAY ARE BEING INVOLVED HOME WITH THE MYSTERIOUS ARCTIC MALADY KNOWN AS "LAPPON DISEASE."

The Military Psychiatric Institute in Berlin, it was announced, is trying to find a way to protect soldiers from the illness which takes the form of severe nervous breakdown followed by complete lethargy, resembling sleeping sickness.

It is believed to be caused by the long Arctic night, lack of vitamins, solitude and boredom, and it sometimes leads to violent lunacy.

It seems that the morale of German soldiers in the occupied countries is becoming so seriously affected by inactivity that Hitler has ordered the expenditure of millions of pounds on German "soldiers' homes," to be established everywhere between the "North Cape and the Bay of Biscay."

The first twelve "homes" are to be built in northern Norway.

BED CURLERS IN COLOURS

Multi-coloured ribbons are the latest going-to-bed feminine fashion.

Shortage of metal curlers is the cause of it. Most of the shops are sold out of pre-war stocks and it looks as if there will be no more metal curlers until after the war.

Ribbon-curlers are the rage in many A.T.S. camps. They are more attractive than strips of rag and girls are wearing them in mixed shades, patch-work style.

"Some of the girls have ribbons and silks to match their nighties, pyjamas and dressing gowns," an A.T.S. girl said.

DIG RIFLES STORE FROM TOMB

People passing through one of Salisbury's oldest churchyards late at night saw policemen working with spades round a square-shaped tomb.

Rumours went round the city that a body was being exhumed. Soon a crowd had gathered.

They were disappointed—all they saw was police taking rifles from the side of the tomb. They were of theatrical type and had apparently been placed there months ago by someone who wanted a cheap storage place.

Police searched the tomb after reports that children had been playing in the churchyard with rifles.

CATTY

By miaowing like a kitten, a Boston (Mass.) policeman caused the arrest of ten gamblers.

Policemen surrounded a building, and one miaowed at the back door. When it was opened, the officers rushed in and broke up the games.

REBUKE FOR M.P. BY HOME SECRETARY

MRS. TATE, Conservative M.P. for Frome, Somerset, was sternly rebuked by the Home Secretary in the House of Commons when she made espionage allegations against a Czech servant girl.

Mrs. Tate asked if it were not true that the girl, Sophie Spellman, was employed in officers' billets, that she was engaged to a Nazi officer, and that she had expressed a desire to engage in espionage work for the Nazi Government.

Amid loud cheers and cries of "Standalous," the Home Secretary retorted sternly:

"I think if Mrs. Tate had that information in her possession she should have given it privately."

"I will take note of the allegations, but it would be more useful if members having information against people should

convey it privately, instead of blowing the whole thing up in public."

Prague "Training"

Mrs. Tate had previously alleged that Sophie Spellman came to Britain in 1938, posing as a Czech refugee, having been sent from Berlin to Prague for three months especially to qualify as such.

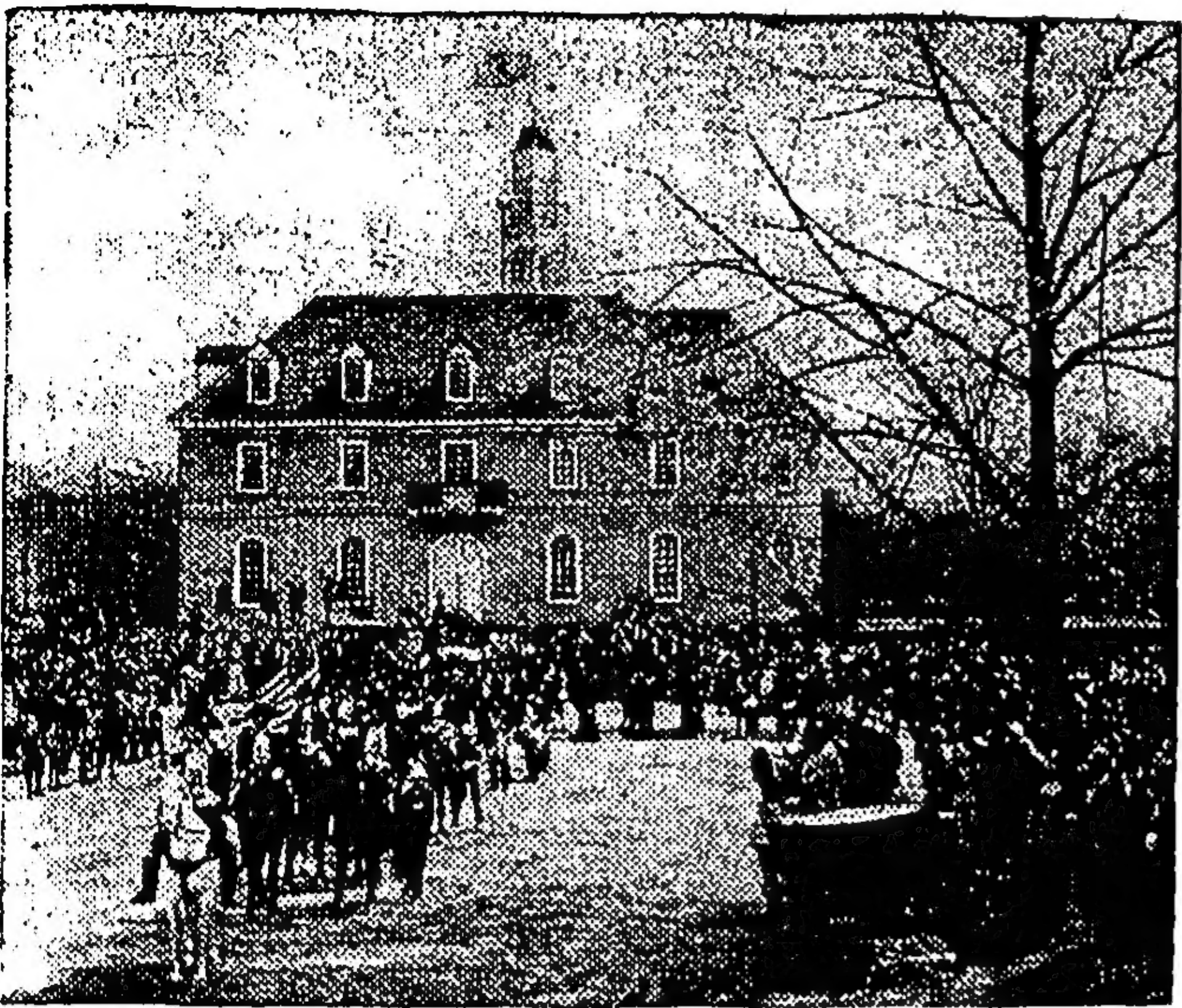
The Home Secretary said that a girl of this name, now aged seventeen and a half, came to Britain in June, 1939, under the care of the British Committee for Refugees, but he knew of no grounds for suggesting that she posed as a Czech.

She was originally classified as German, and when she came before the Tribunal examining Germans she was placed in Category C.

Subsequently it was ascertained that she had a Czech passport, and she was registered as being of Czech nationality.

QUISLING ON A PEDESTAL

Quisling, who betrayed his country to the Nazis, is preparing to erect a statue of himself in Oslo, according to reports received by the Norwegian Consul-General in Montreal.



George Washington enters Williamsburg at the head of his ragged Continental Army in 1781, en route to Yorktown to put the finishing touches to Cornwallis and so end the war on Virginia soil. A scene from "The Howards of Virginia," coming to the King's Theatre on Friday.

"SALOME" JOINS THE A.T.S.

"Salome" has volunteered for the A.T.S. She wants to drive a Service car. She is Miss Maud Allan, the dancer, famous for her Salome dance of 30 years ago.

Miss Allan toured every country with her exotic dance and then came tragedy. Three years ago she broke her back.

Now she is fit again and wants to help in the war effort.

When the A.T.S. received an application from the would-be car-driver named "Miss Maud Allan, dancer," they wondered whether it could possibly be the Maud Allan.

To-day she lives in three tiny apartments among 150 empty, echoing rooms of her bomb-shattered Regent's Park mansion, her sole companion her dog Perky.

Picking my way past bomb craters and debris that pitted the short carriage drive, I called on her.

Cellar Shelter

The side door was so warped by bomb blast that at Miss Allan's request I had to burst it in.

"When the raids are on I just go down in the wine vault and enjoy a perfect illusion of safety."

Though her Salome dance shocked the Edwardians it was performed in draperies which any modern girl might consider heavy clothing.

In 1938 she severely injured her spine in a motor accident in California.

TONY, 14, IS HERO OF ESSEX GUNNING

AT FOURTEEN, sturdy Anthony Gerard Phizacklea, youngest of six brothers, who live on an Essex farm, is a veteran of scores of adventures. "Wherever Anthony is, you can be sure something is bound to happen," is how his mother put it.

And Anthony's adventures have left him cool in an emergency. Ready to testify to that are the scores of passengers in a train which was machine-gunned by a Heinkel 111 bomber recently.

Anthony left school eight months ago to help his father, Mr. Matthew Phizacklea, down on the farm. Blossom, the fourteen-year-old farm horse-of-all-work when the bomber swooped down. Then bombs began to fall all round.

First thing I did, Anthony said, "was to unharness Blossom and turn her loose. Then I heard bursts of machine-gun fire and guessed that the train was being attacked."

Five times the plane poured a hail of machine-gun bullets into the carriages. After each attack it banked low over the farm to return. As it passed it rained bullets down.

Dash Through Snow

"I knew that I was nearest to the train and that it was up to me to help," Anthony continued. "I ran across field, through snow to the train."

"The driver had stopped it and the uninjured passengers were sheltering in a wood. One of them shouted to me to fetch help. I dashed back to the farmhouse, got my cycle and rode hell-for-leather to a first-aid post, three-quarters of a mile away."

"It was hard going because of the snowdrifts, but I did not have time to think about that. I got the ambulance out and cycled back as quickly as I could to see if there was anything more I could do. Several passengers were wounded, some of them mortally."

Arriving at the scene, Anthony helped to lift the wounded in the carriage, to waiting ambulances.

A pianist whom he wrapped in blankets had the fingers of one hand shot away.

"But he was laughing and joking the whole time," said Anthony.

Finally the wounded were got to hospital. But Anthony found still more work to do.

"Two policemen told me that they wanted to find out how many bombs were in the wood," he said. "I searched with them and besides craters, we found two bombs which had not gone off."

Unconscious Five Days

"There will always be something happening where Anthony is," said his mother. "When he was eight he broke an arm in two places."

"A year later, while cycling, he was involved in a collision with a car. One wheel nearly passed over his head, his jaw was broken and he had head and back injuries."

"He was unconscious for five days."

"Early in the war I decided to evacuate with him to the Midlands. Then Anthony wanted to

CONCHIE—OBJECTED TO UNDRESSING

QUOTING THE SCRIPTURES THAT IT WAS IMPROPER TO BE SEEN NAKED, A CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTOR, RONALD JOHN BROWN, OF MANOR FARM, CORSCOMBE, DORSET, REFUSED TO STRIP AT A MEDICAL EXAMINATION.

Summoned at Bristol Police Court for failing to submit himself for medical examination when liable for national service, he was fined 10s. The chairman told him he would be taken by a policeman to have his examination.

Brown told the Court: "I consider it wrong to be stripped and I gave my reasons to the medical examiners."

BIG DECREASE IN CAR THEFTS

WHEN THE REPORT of the Commissioner of Metropolitan Police, Sir Philip Game, is issued shortly it will show that there was a considerable decrease in the number of thefts of motorcars during 1940, compared with the previous year.

In 1939 all records were broken. A total of 10,121 motorcars were stolen in the Metropolitan police area.

Of this number all but 146 were recovered. In many cases, it is considered, the car was taken by thieves who wanted to use it for a smash-and-grab raid or other robbery, and then abandon it, or by a youth wanting a joy ride, probably to impress some girl.

Speedy Check

Half-way through 1940 the order was made for the immobilisation of unattended cars, and this quickly put a check on those who "borrow" them for a few hours.

come home and help his father on the farm. He was near Coventry the night it was blitzed. Next day he set off home alone."

"But there were bombs on the line and he could not complete his train journey. There was a party of soldiers. He hitch-hiked part of the way."

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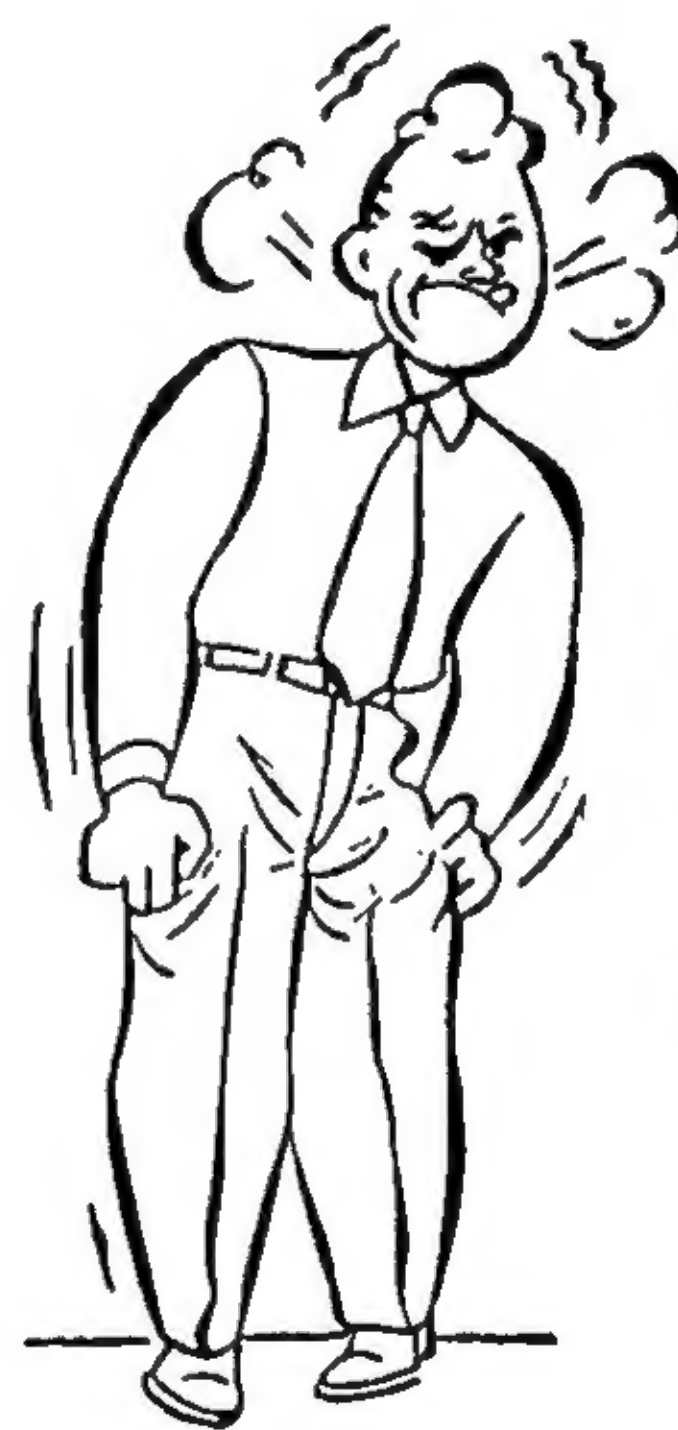
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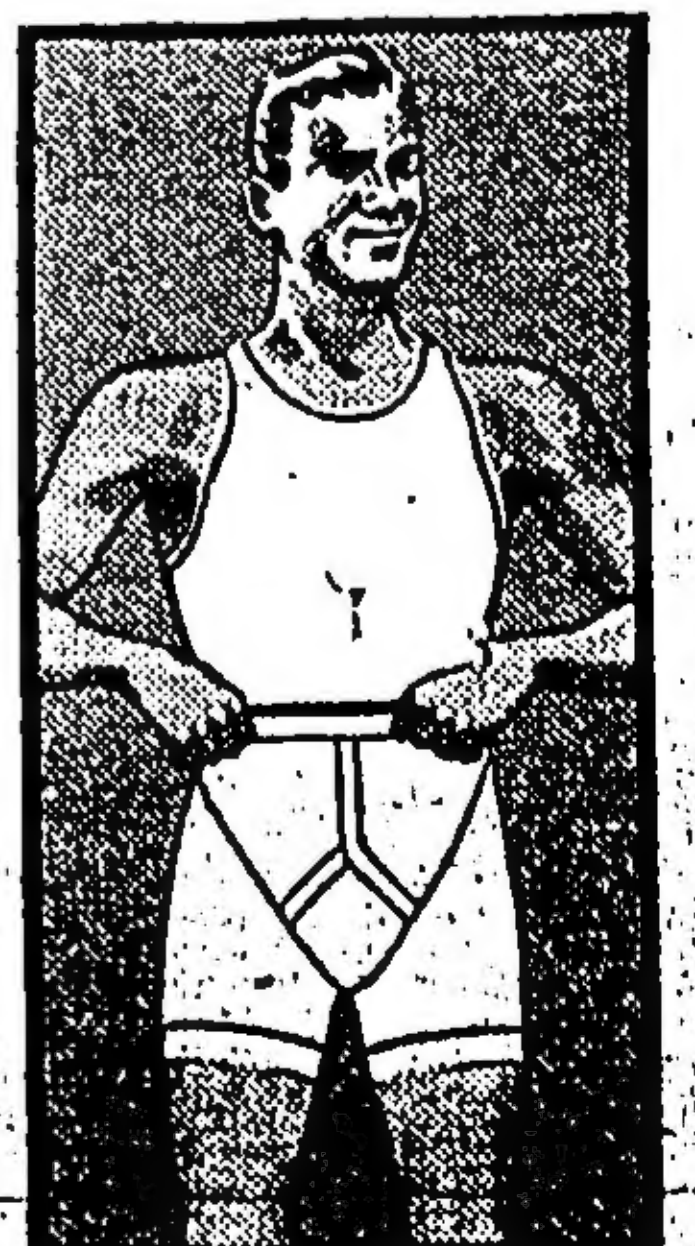
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♥ K 7 6
♦ A J 3 2
♣ Q 6 4

♠ 8 7 2
♥ Q
♦ 8 7 6
♣ A J 9 7

W N E S

♠ 10 9
♥ A J 10 9
♦ 8 4 3 2
♣ 9 6 2

♠ K Q J 6 6
♥ 5
♦ K 10 4
♣ K 10 8 3

The bidding:

North East South West
1♥ 3♦ 3♠ Pass
4♠ Pass Pass Pass

We opened the Queen of hearts and was allowed to hold the trick. He lifted to a trump, and South drew three rounds of the suit. The bidding and West's shift from hearts indicated that East had an eight-card heart suit, and since East had already played two trumps, it was clear that he had started with only three cards in the minor suits.

Declarer therefore decided to play West for the diamond Queen, and laid down the King of diamonds, followed by the ten. West covered the ten of diamonds with the Queen, and dummy won with the Ace. When East followed to one round of diamonds, South could be sure that the clubs would break 4-2. There was therefore some danger of losing three club tricks in addition to the heart already lost.

After some thought, South returned a heart from the dummy and ruffed in his own hand. And West could not find a safe discard. If he discarded a club, South could safely tackle that suit and lose only two club tricks. So West discarded a diamond. Thereupon, South led a diamond to dummy's Jack and returned a diamond, discarding a club from his own hand. West had to win and return clubs, so that South lost only one club trick.

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Yesterday you were Oswald Jacoby's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ 10 7
♥ A 9
♦ Q 10 5 3
♣ A Q J 7 4

The bidding:

Master Jacoby Schenken You
1♥ 1♠ Pass 2♣
2♦ 3♣ Pass (?)

ANSWER: Bid three no-trump. If your partner's strength is largely distributional, he will take you back to clubs; and if he has high-card strength, he will leave you in the easier no-trump contract.

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To-day you hold the same hand, and the bidding continues:

Master Jacoby Schenken You
1♥ 1♠ Pass 2♣
2♦ 3♣ Pass 3NT
Dbl. Pass Pass (?)

What do you bid? (Answer To-morrow.)

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about it. "Her death was a shock to her unit. All the members attended her funeral."

Lady Moore was on a brief visit to the house. The owner, an R.A.M.C. officer, was called out on duty shortly before the bomb fell.

A man confined to bed with flu in an upper room escaped. Mrs. Parley was an ambulance driver, too.

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(By A Special Correspondent)

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GIRL FOUND JOB TO FORGET

(By A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT)

Soon after her airman-husband was killed at Narvik, a grief-stricken girl left England for her native land, Australia.

But she returned, said to an officer of the Mechanical Transport Corps "Please give me plenty of work to help me to forget."

And Mrs. Mollie Orton became an ambulance driver. She worked hard and was one of twelve volunteers for service in Greece.

But when the Duchess of Kent inspected the Greek unit, Mrs. Orton was not there.

It was not until later that the corps learned that she had been killed by a bomb the night before. She was twenty-six.

With her died two of her friends—Lady Moore, widow of Sir John Moore, Director of the Army Veterinary Service in the last war, and Lady Moore's youngest daughter, Mrs. Patricia Parley.

Keen And Courageous

Their deaths were announced. Lady Moore's housekeeper, Mrs. Rebecca Henry, was also killed in the house, which was demolished by the bomb.

"Mrs. Orton had a cheerful personality and was popular with her unit," Miss Alison Tennant, Lady Oxford's niece, who is in charge of the Greek unit, told me.

"She was keen on her work and was a courageous woman. Her husband's death was a great blow to her, but she did not brood over it."

"She was quite willing to talk

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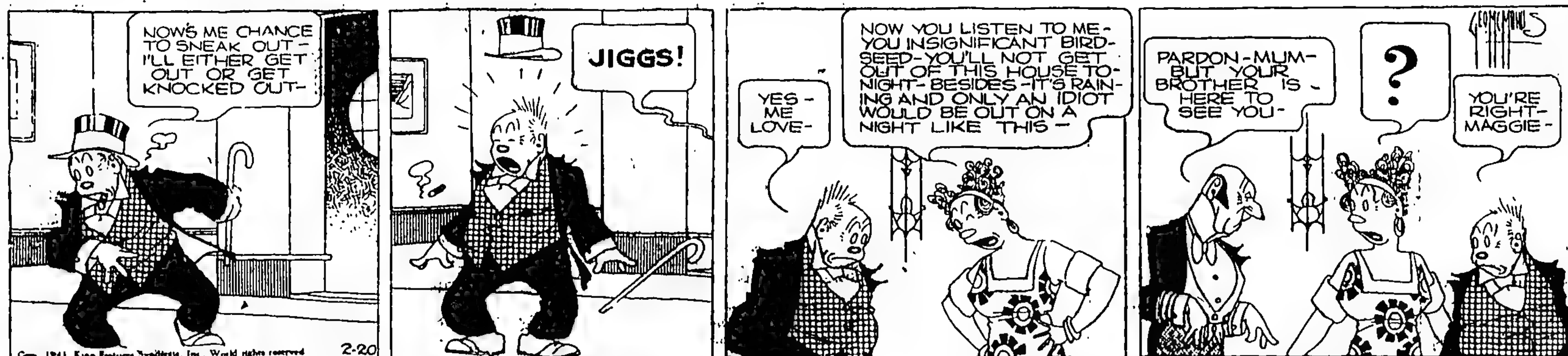
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Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



A PAGE FOR WOMEN For Spring Fillip

The very next time you are blue and a bit disgruntled with yourself, take an hour and devote it to grooming. Begin by rubbing a lovely perfumed oil all over your skin before you take a nice warm shower. Enough of the fragrance and oil will remain on your skin after you are dry.

The next step is to use a body sachet of the same fragrance as the oil. You rub this scented powder all over you and the warmth of your freshly bathed skin will bring out the latent perfume and envelope you in the most fascinating of fragrances.

Such a skin perfuming will no doubt inspire you to brush and comb your hair into the prettiest of arrangements and then you will glance at your nails and realize that a fresh manicure will make your fingers look ever so much more beautiful.

That brings us right to the point of painting a pretty face. You might like to experiment with that junior make-up kit which recently made its debut on your cosmetic counter. It contains three shades of powder base (you'll use all three before the summer has ended), two eye-shadow colours, two shades of mascara, a rouge and a lipstick, and two little brushes to help you with your art! Who knows but what ten minutes will make you into a fascinating siren instead of a dejected, disgruntled female.

The Final Step

Nothing puts self-confidence into a woman quicker as a new hat. It is not too early to shop for one and it is an especially good time to buy one when you are groomed to the last step. Slip into the suit or coat you like the best, spray (just for luck) your most favourite perfume on your lapels and hair, and start out determined to get yourself a bonnet which will do something for you. Don't buy just another hat — shop until you find the hat — one that will make every female friend you have exclaim with envy. It may cost a dollar ninety-eight or it may cost lots more—the price doesn't matter. It is how it looks on you that is important. If you take a perky, nicely fashioned face to the shop the chances are you will get better service from the clerk and you will adore that bonnet until it is too shabby to wear.

So begone with you — there is no use in indulging in the blues!

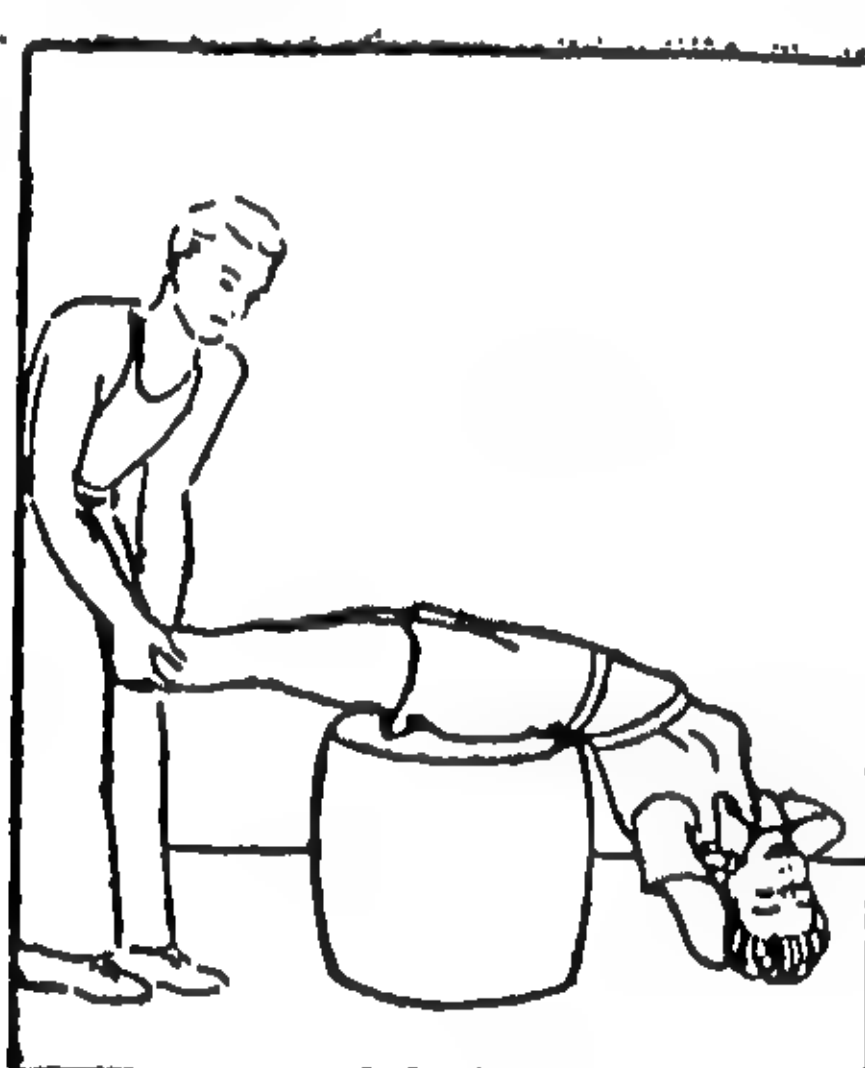


The mentally sketchy girl-friend thinks when her beau says life is a sketchy proposition, he's decided to join an art class.



Ten minutes before your mirror with a supply of fascinating make-up aids can make you a new beauty!

Thickened Waistline



Once you let your waistline grow thick you are bound to lose grace of movement and figure beauty. A woman's waist was fashioned by nature to be slim—it is mostly all muscle. It divides her body in two so she may have the utmost freedom of movement to bend forward or backward, to twist, to relax.

As we enter middle-age the waistline is bound to increase slightly in measurement but one should never allow it to increase so that it is the biggest measurement. Even giving birth to several children is not sufficient reason for these enlightened days for the "corporations" one sees on many mature women. Post-pregnancy exercises which most physicians urge women to take, should restore normal proportions to one's figures.

Most women develop thick waistline through a stupid habit—that of resting the upper part of the body on the stomach or abdomen. Sit in a chair when you are not wearing a girdle or a corset and let your upper body slump down. Place a hand on your waistline after you have slumped. Then pull in your abdomen and raise the upper part of your body by straightening your shoulders and throwing your head back—you will feel your waistline slim inches!

Form A Habit

Now it is just as easy to form a good habit as it is to form a

bad habit. Sitting on your stomach is a bad habit. Consciously form a habit of holding your stomach in and your shoulders back. Thus those all important waistline muscles will be gradually-firmed and you will not have the desire to slump when you walk or sit.

For those of you who are pretty limber of body, I suggest a marvelous exercise which requires the assistance of a friend. It is illustrated above.

Lie over a hassock on your thighs—the upper part of your body is free. While someone holds your ankles firmly lower your head and shoulders until you touch the floor. Hands are clasped behind head.

Then slowly raise your head and shoulders to the position shown in Figure 1.

Part II.

To get its full benefit this splendid hip and waist slenderising exercise must be repeated lying on your buttocks as in Figure 2. While ankles are held firmly, again lower upper body until head touches floor, then slowly raise yourself to a sitting position. You will feel muscles pull which you never knew you had! But please do not strain yourself. Do this entire exercise once the first day and increase one time each day until you can do it five times without feeling lame!

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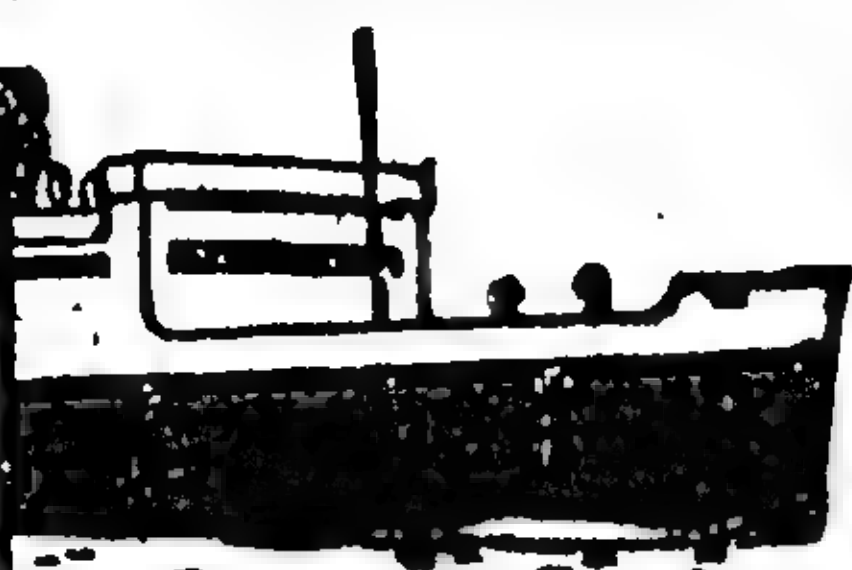
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man Finck & his Orchestra. Notti

Sul Mare, Barcarolle (Valente).

Orchestra Napolitain Yiddische

Wedding Fantasia (arr. Michaeloff)

Alfredo & his Orchestra with

Vocal Refrain. Manhattan Seren-

ade (Aller)... Salon Orchestra.

Sleeping Beauty's Bridal Procession

(Rhode); In A Clock Store (Orth)

Otto Dobrindt & his Concert

Orchestra

1.30 p.m.—Reuter & Rugby Press and

Announcements

1.45 p.m.—Humorous and Vocal Variety.

Vocal Little Village Green (Hack-

forth, Strecker)... The Vagabond

Lover (Tenor) with Instrumental

Accompaniment Comedienne—I

Didn't Really Never Oughter 'Ave

Went Doris Hare Vocal—All

Tro: A Glass of Champagne (both

from C. B. Cochran's Revue "Lights

Up")... Evelyn Laye (Soprano)

with Orchestra & Chorus. Comed-

ians—Silly, Isn't It?—Intro.

"Mighty Lak a Rose" and "Smiling

Through"... Bennett & Williams

with Orchestra. Vocal—The St

Louis Blues (Handy); How'm I

Doin'? (Fowler & Redman)...

Aaron Sisters. Entertainer—The

Tale of Hector Cramp—A Comedy

"Ode" (Fletcher); Orange Peel—A

Comedy "Ode" (Milton Hayes)...

Cyril Fletcher.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

5.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quota-

tions.

6.32 p.m.—Dance Music.

Fox-Trots—Jimmy Cricket; Three

Cheers for Anything... Victor

Young & his Orchestra with the

Ken Darby Singers. Tangos—

Granada; Apasionado... Juan Llos-

as & his Tango Orchestra. Fox-

Trots—Sweet Potato Piper; Too

Romantic (both from film "The

Road to Singapore")... Glenn Mil-

ler & his Orchestra with Vocal Re-

frain. Quick-Step—The Blackbird

Hop; Fox-Trot—The Palais Stroll

Jack Harris & his Orchestra.

Waltz—If I Should Fall in Love

Again... Billy Cotton & his Band.

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

7.15 p.m.—London Relay—"Questions

of the Hour".

7.30 p.m.—Portuguese Programme.

8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and An-

ouncements.

8.02 p.m.—A Programme of Hill Billy

Music.

Hill Billy Medley—Intro: The Last

Round up; Will the Angels play

their Harps for me; Home on the

Range; Wagon Wheels; Ole Faith-

ful; Roll along, Covered Wagon...

Primo Scala's Accordeon Band with

Vocal Chorus. It Ain't Nobody's

Business What I Do (Browne &

others)—(a) Oh Susannah; (b) We'll

Rest at the End of the Trail (Poul-

ton and Rose)... The Rocky Moun-

taineers with Bunk House boys.

The Prairie is my Home (from

"Guns of the Pecos")... Dick For-

an with Orchestra. (a) Underneath

the Old Pine Tree; (b) The Trail of

the Lonesome Pine... The Rocky

Mountainers with Bunk House

Boys Rollin' Plains (film "Rollin'

Plains")... Big Bill Campbell & his

Hill Billy Band. Riding the Range

in the Sky (Harry Carlton); Twi-

light on the Trail (film "The Trail

of the Lonesome Pine")... Winifred

Thomas (Baritone) & The Good

Companion.

8.32 p.m.—Albert Sandler and His Or-

chestra with Grace Moore (Soprano).

Masquerade (Loeb); I Want Your

Heart (Haydn Wood)... Albert

Sandler & his Orchestra. The Whist-

ling Boy; Our Song (both from film

"When You're in Love")... Grace

Moore (Soprano) with Orchestra.

Isn't It Romantic (Theme Song,

"Love Me To-night"); Always in

my Heart (Turk & Coats)... Albert

Sandler & his Orchestra. Without

Your Love (Operetta "The Dubar-

ry")... Grace Moore (Soprano) &

Richard Crooks (Tenor) with Orch.

Souvenir D'Ukraine (Ferraris)...

Albert Sandler & his Orchestra.

9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News &

News Commentary.

9.15 p.m.—"The Hope of a New World"

No. 2: "God and Freedom" Record-

ed talk by the Archbishop of York.

9.33 p.m.—Excerpts from Mozart's—

"The Magic Flute".

Hm, Hm, Hm! Der Arme Kann Von

Strafe Sagen... E. Berger & A.

Gorn (Soprano), E. Ruzicka (Con-

tralto), M. Hirzel (Tenor), K. A.

Neumann (Baritone), with the State

Opera Orchestra. O Loveliness Be-

yond Compare... David Lloyd (Ten-

or) with Orchestra. Within These

Sacred Walls... Ivar Anderson

(Bass) with Orchestra.

9.45-10.00 p.m.—News in French (on

Short Wave only).

9.45 p.m.—Glazunow—"Slavka Ra-

zine". Orchestra of the Brussels

SAFE, THEY GIVE THANKS IN SONG

(By A Special Correspondent)

IN THE TINY CHAPELS in the Welsh hills around battered Swansea — where fires still smouldered after three successive nights of raids—women and children sang hymns of thanksgiving in their native tongue.

Before them lay pathetic heaps of pillows and blankets, all many of them could save from wrecked homes before setting out on the trek for safety.

These chape's are their homes for the time being.

When dawn came after a peaceful night, they tidied up their beds before the minister came to take the usual Sunday morning service.

Other people found sanctuary in the little holiday bungalow town on the cliffs at The Mumbles, the beauty spot at the other end of Swansea Bay.

But their menfolk and the young girls went to their jobs as usual.

He Lost Four

And bandaged victims went back to their homes to salvage what they could from the wreckage.

There were many tales of heroism in the town when all the members of the Swansea Town Council got back to their desks in the undamaged civic centre, around which are several bomb craters.

The Mayor (Councillor Thomas James) declared that no one should go hungry. There had been no panic—no fear.

"There is an unmistakable will on the part of Swansea people to get back to work and carry on in the Welshman's spirited way," he told a reporter.

One of the men setting that example was already at work in the civic centre—the chairman of the local A.R.P. committee, Mr. Percy Morris.

Air raids have robbed him of his wife, sister, brother-in-law and eighteen-year-old nephew, who was fire-watching during the blitz.

Despite his sorrow, he was one of the first officials back to his desk.

Royal Conservatoire conducted by Desire Defauw

10.00 p.m.—A Schumann Programme.

Carnaval—Ballet Music... London

Ballet Orchestra conducted by Wal-

ter Goehr. Romance No. 1, Op. 94

...Henri Temianka (Violin) with

Piano. Toccata, Op. 7... Simon

Barer (Piano). Romance No. 2,

Op. 94... Henri Temianka (Violin)

with Piano. The Almond Tree...

Elsie Suddaby (Soprano) with

Piano. Dream Visions, Op. 12, No.

7... Vladimir Horowitz (Piano).

The Lotus Flower... Benjamin Gi-

gli (Tenor) with Orchestra. Sym-

phony No. 1 in B Flat Major, Op.

38:—1st Mov.: Andante—Allegro

molto vivace—Allegro; 2nd Mov.:

Larghetto; 3rd Mov.: Scherzo Molto

vivace; 4th Mov.: Allegro animato e

grazioso—Allegro... Chicago Sym-

phony Orchestra conducted by

Frederick Stock.

11.00 p.m.—Close down.

UNION SUES POLICE CHIEF

The allegations that Sir John Maxwell, Chief Constable of Manchester, dismissed a fireman because of a letter he wrote to his trade union secretary was made at Manchester County Court.

Counsel who made the allegation said that Sir John apparently had a complete dislike of anything connected with trade unions, and regarded a fireman who had any dealings with a trade union as a person who ought not to continue those activities. Such a man was liable to instant dismissal for such activities without any rights of redress.

The case was one in which the Fire Brigades' Union claimed the return of a letter and completed application forms for membership of the union, and damages for their wrongful detention.

Judgment was given against the Chief Constable, who was ordered to return the forms, but not the letter. Damages were assessed at £5 on the immediate handing over of the forms.

Mr. D. McIntyre, for the Union, explained that Manchester was one of the few cities where the obsolete system remained of the fire brigade being carried on under police control.

Counsel said that Charles Greenfield, a Manchester fireman, wrote to the union's secretary last November and enclosed twenty-eight completed union application forms. The letter did not reach the Chief Constable.

Later, Greenfield came before Sir John, and was charged with acting in a manner likely to bring discredit on the force, and with divulging fire brigade matters to someone not connected with the brigade.

PLAY-OFF FOR GARRISON HOCKEY CUP POSTPONED

Middlesex Do Well In Army Sporting Circles

AREA TENNIS LEAGUES IN FULL SWING

By Squaddy

ALTHOUGH Middlesex Regiment were without one of their best full backs, Sgt. Freshwater, they put up a very good show against South China at Caroline Hill on Sunday by drawing 3-all.

South China were trying out some of their players before going on their tour to Malaya.

The goals for the soldiers were scored by Saw, Pearson, and Marable.

This was the Middies' last game of this season.

THERE will be an athletic meeting at Shamshuipo on Thursday between the Combined Middlesex and the Rajput Regiment and the Combined Royal Artillery who put out the challenge.

This meeting came about over the Area Athletic Meeting when the opposing teams were running exceptionally well.

I think that Middies and Rajputs will win all the track events with the exception of the three miles team race.

They should also do well in the long jump as the Rajputs were winners of the Area Long Jump last week.

The 12th Coast Regiment, R.A., again pulled off both weights for the Area Tug-of-War for the second year in succession.

The athletic meeting arranged between the Army and the Combined Chinese will be held at Caroline Hill on Sunday, May 18.

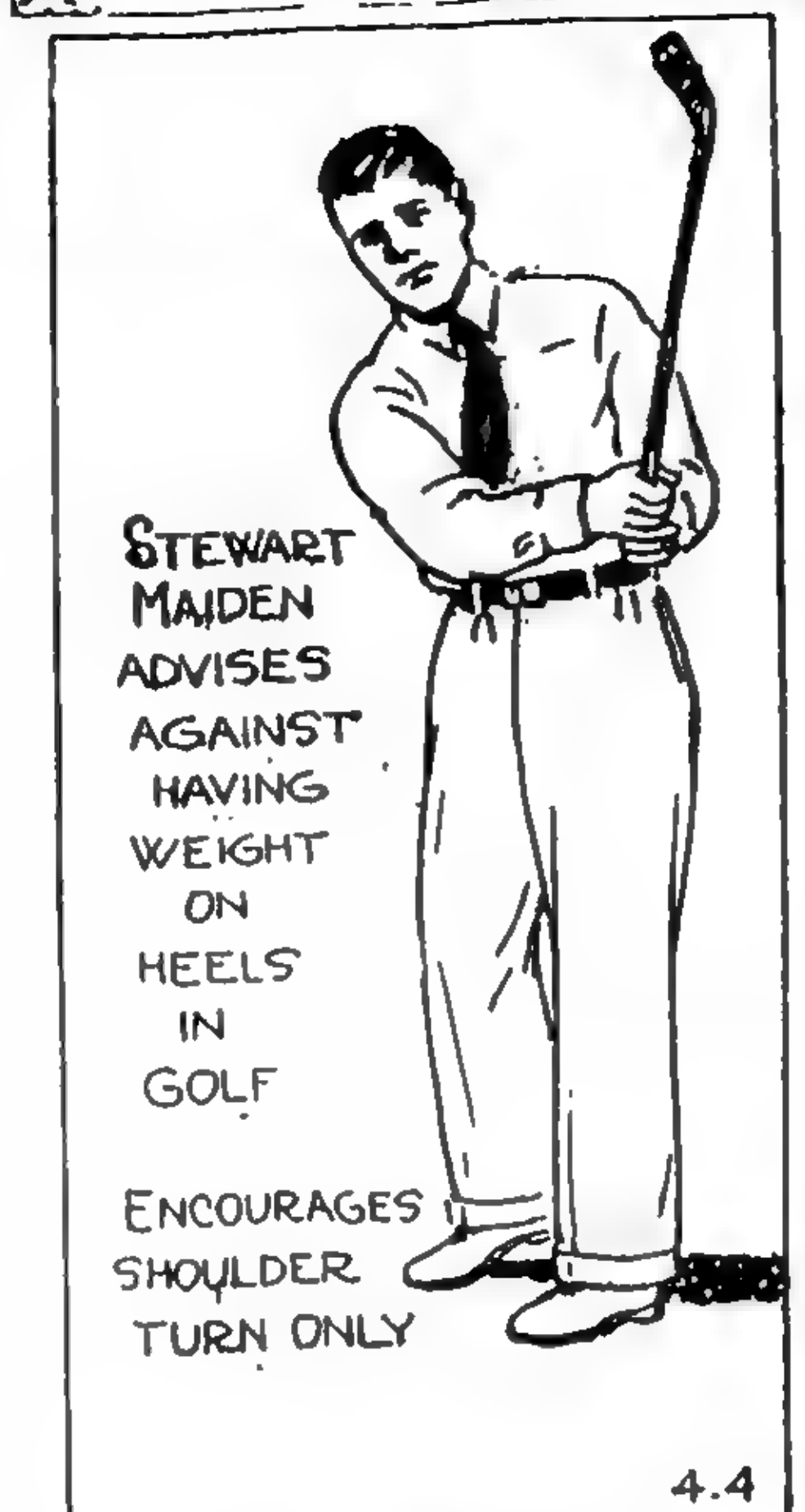
Middlesex Regiment will represent Army and should be able to put up a fine show after their performance last week at the Area Athletic Meeting.

L/Cpl. Heather is reckoned as one of the best half-milers in the Colony and has been entered for the Colony championships.

TENNIS

IN the "A" League of the Hong Kong Area Tennis League fixtures the following games will be played on Friday, May 9, commencing at 3 p.m. at Sookunpoo. R. Engineers 'B' v R.A.M.C. F.A. Staff v 8th Coast

GRAPHIC GOLF



KEEP WEIGHT FORWARD
BY BEST BALL

While many golfers are of the opinion that the weight in the golf stroke should be back toward the heels, Stewart Maiden advises the weight be placed a bit forward. Stewart Maiden taught Bobby Jones how to swing. His contention is that the swinging balance is similar to that employed in walking and in walking the weight is well forward on the balls of the feet. This allows the player to lean slightly forward in the stroke and aids a full turn of the body, meaning the midsection as well as the shoulders.

With the weight concentrated on the heels, the legs are inclined to stiffness. In pivoting the hips do not turn in the same ratio as the shoulders because of this tenseness in the lower body and the shot lacks power.

Next Article:—One Movement.

REPLIES TO TILDEN'S GLOOMY PICTURE OF FUTURE AMATEUR TENNIS

"I AM AFRAID amateur tennis is finished."
"More wishful thinking."
"I think Tilden is talking rot."

Three quotes which, when connected, tell the story of W. T. (Bill) Tilden saying that amateur tennis is dead, and will remain down, a reply coming from H. Roper Barrett, former chairman of the Lawn Tennis Association and a doubles champion at Wimbledon, with the third comment uttered by Miss Nora Cleather, Secretary of the All England Club, where the Open championships are held.

Enlarging on all three comments, and remembering what the average persons think, Tilden appears to lose the set after getting in the first remark to hold vantage.

He painted a gloomy picture of the amateur side of the game when replying to a question. "If you mean what will happen to the game as considered from the big business angle—big gates, big crowds, stadia, and so forth—it won't be able to stand it very long," he said. "The Davis Cup is over, of course, it won't work for a good many years as a result of the war, and it doesn't look to me as if International sport can be reckoned on at all. This is serious, because International competition is the backbone of lawn tennis."

A Bit Complex

That last comment is worth analysing because Tilden, in one breath, says that the Davis Cup is over and in the next he says it won't work for a good many years. If, after a good many years, as he suggests, it will work, how can it be over?

Tilden "shot his mouth off," as his compatriots in America would say, for nobody else believes that the game is dead. It may happen that this War will have the good effect of bringing into being a really "Open" championship, with amateurs and professionals competing together, just as they do in golf, but that need not mean that the amateur game dies, any more than amateur golf is dead.

As H. Roper Barrett replied, "mere wishful thinking; who can tell? Tilden is entitled to his own opinion and we can leave it at that. We might think otherwise."

More To The Point

Still more to the point is Miss Cleather's response "I think Tilden is talking rot! After a lapse of years in the last war, lawn tennis came into its own again and was stronger than ever. After the present War Wimbledon will come again and so will the Davis Cup. Our centre court and Nos. 1 and 2 have not been used and are being nourished and kept in perfect order for the next championship meeting."

No! Tilden seems to be barking up the wrong tree and one can almost imagine him saying "Waal, it rained an argument anyway."

He admitted that, whatever happened, play-for-fun tennis would survive in the United States. In that case it is hard to imagine that it will remain as hurt. When he is hurt he is befuddled.

Smartness Counts

"If this Conn is smart and keeps away from Joe's left. If he will get up when he is hurt. If he will stay and jab-jab-jab. If he'll keep Louis away from him and off balance for 15 rounds—he is a winner, isn't he?"

But suppose Billy should walk in and try to punch, should get cocky or careless?

"Oh, well," replied Doyle. "Then he'll get his head knocked off. But I like him. He's got a heart. He's a real Irish fighter."

The Greatest Women Player

Of equal, if not greater, interest to his comments on amateur tennis, was Tilden's opinion of the greatest woman player ever to grace the courts. He names Suzanne Lenglen. He was not forgetting Mrs. Roark (Helen Wills Moody) or Miss Alice Marble and after admitting that, for fine day-after-day play, Mrs. Roark was more consistent than Miss Marble, and that Miss Marble, on her best day, was the most brilliant of woman players, possessing the widest range of strokes while being the finest of all women volleyers, he still names the French girl as the greatest of all time.

Now people are wondering who will be the new "star." Miss Lenglen died three years ago. Mrs. Roark has virtually retired and Miss Marble has joined the professional ranks.

Miss Pauline Betz is expected to win this year's American title and so reach the pinnacle and there are many people who think she will succeed to the throne of Queen of lawn tennis. Listen to what Miss Dorothy Bundy says of her: "She has the spirit, physique, strokes—everything it takes, but most of all she has that fight and endurance; she could play all day." Of such qualities are champions made.

AMERICA TENNIS TITLES VERY OPEN

With Alice Marble now a professional, the fight for the title of Queen of American Tennis this summer is expected to be a very open one.

Alice Marble had been so superior to other players when she was an amateur that victory for her was generally a foregone conclusion, but now that she is out of the way it is difficult to find her successor.

There is no dominant contender and not since Helen Wills first won the Championship way back in 1923 has there been such a well-matched field. The most favoured are probably Helen Jacobs and Sarah Cooke (formerly Sarah Fabry Palfrey), but many of the experts are of the opinion that too few of the talented girl players of today have the tough, masculine will to win which characterized Helen Wills and her successors. They feel that in the forthcoming contest, the "killer" instinct may be the deciding factor.

Be that as it may, the value of the women's singles championship is not what it used to be owing to the war. In happier years, the queens of American Tennis made trip after trip abroad, were presented to Royalty and lavishly entertained; the next champion may get nothing but the eight weeks a year, travel, maintenance, which amateur rules allow.

DOYLE THINKS BILLY CONN CAN BEAT LOUIS

JACK DOYLE, the big sporting odds man, not only thinks Billy Conn has a chance to win the heavyweight championship from Joe Louis but goes into boxing history to prove his point.

"Billy Conn? Yes, I think he's got a good chance. I didn't think so at first, but I do now. He's pretty cute. So if it goes the limit, he's got to win, doesn't he?"

Doyle, a veteran raconteur, paused and then settled comfortably in his chair.

"Let's go back to the Corbett-Jeffries fight at Coney Island for a comparison," he began.

"It was Aug. 14, 1900. Corbett, the smart guy—and he was smart, too—beat himself with his smartness."

"What a fight it was! Which brings me back to my theory and that Corbett outsmarted himself. He demanded 25 rounds and finally got it. If he had let them put it on for 20 rounds he would have won!"

Doyle, a veteran raconteur, paused and then settled comfortably in his chair.

"Now Conn isn't the boxer Corbett was, or will be. Nobody ever was or will be. But neither is Louis in a class with Jeffries. Louis is slow and can be hit—and

Down In 21st

"That night he was a great fighter, probably better than any other time in his life—at 34. But in 21st round Jeff hit him with a left hook and he went down. But oh, he was an actor! He got up and looked back and pointed to a wet spot on the canvas. It wasn't bigger than a dime, but he was trying to make Jeff think he had slipped."

"But he was hurt. That punch slowed him a bit. And in the 23rd round Jeff, who had not been hurt by any punch Corbett landed, knocked him out."

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Great Fight

"Bob Fitzsimmons had won the title from James J. Corbett in 1897," Doyle explained, and lost it to James J. Jeffries in 1899. Then Jeffries and Corbett was matched. "I remember there was a fellow in New York then—Tim Sullivan—who was the big boss of the boxing, stronger than ten Mike Jacobses," Doyle said. "We were at the meeting arranging for the fight. Corbett insisted on 25 rounds. Sullivan wanted 20, and threatened never to let Corbett fight again if he didn't give in. Well they signed for the fight. A couple of days later Corbett

EWO
THE QUALITY BEER

YOUNG DEFEATS LITTLE DADO IN SURPRISE BOUT

DAVID YOUNG, Honolulu Chinese, won a unanimous decision over Little Dado, Filipino flyweight champion of the world, in a non-titular 10-round bout at the Honolulu stadium recently.

Southpaw Young nearly scored a knockout in the first round but he failed to follow up. Dado made a gradual recovery in the late rounds but it was insufficient to overcome the lead piled up by the Chinese boy.

Superior punching power gave Young the first five rounds. Dado was credited with three and two rounds were even.

It was Dado's first defeat on American soil.

Both lightweights fought as bantams with Young weighing 117½ pounds and Dado 116½ pounds.

Sensational Bout

Little Dado, the slugging Filipino, is recognized as flyweight champion of the world by the N.B.A.

A crowd of 7,000 fans witnessed the swiftest.

Little Dado, weighing 116½ pounds, forced the fight during the first six rounds. He swarmed all over the Honolulu battler but in one frame Young, employing a lightning-like left uppercut, upset Dado for no count. Dado outsmarted Young throughout and effectively counterpunched but David, weighing 117½, fought progressively better from start to finish.

Montano Loses

Small Montano of the Philippines, former world's flyweight boxing champion, lost a questionable 12-round decision to Luis Castillo of Mexico.

The Filipino's clever boxing appeared to give him the edge during most of the bout, although he was floored for an eight count with a left and right to the chin in the sixth round.

ARMY TENNIS STARTS

In "A" Division of the Army Tennis League, 5th A.A. Regiment, Royal Artillery, defeated 8th Heavy Battery, R.A., by three points to nil, at Sookunpoo yesterday.

Under a new system of scoring players are graded and play their opposite numbers on the other side over three sets.

Lieut. T. A. Pearce and Sgt. Morgan (5th A.A.) beat Lieut. Watkins and Lieut. Godfrey, 6-3, 6-4, 6-3.

Lieut. J. L. C. Pearce and Sgt. Davis (5th A.A.) beat Sgt. Shirley and (Gnr. Roche, 6-3, 6-3, 6-3.

Bdr. Mew and Bdr. Savage (5th A.A.) beat S/Sgt. Shepherd and S/Sgt. Skinner, 6-2, 6-1, 6-2.

TENNIS RESULTS

B. O'm Deane and Miss J. Smalley (-15) beat J. S. Theobald and Mrs. Torrible (-3.6) in the final of the Club Handicap Mixed Doubles at the Stand Court by scores of 3-6, 6-3, 6-3, yesterday.

To-day's Matches

Following is to-day's Tennis Championship programme:

CLUB HANDICAP SINGLES

Final: G. W. Sewell (-4.6) v T. J. Gould (-1.52) (Stand Court)

CLUB HANDICAP DOUBLES

Semi-Final: C. H. R. Oxlade and A. H. Barwell (-15.2) v R. H. Blake and H. C. D. Knight (-3.6) (8)

Zivic Wins

Fritz Zivic, world's welterweight boxing champion, knocked out Dick Demaray of Bismarck, N.D., in the fifth round of a non-title fight. The bout was scheduled for 10 stanzas.

The champion weighed 150 pounds and Demaray tipped 149.

WAR BRINGS NEW HAZARDS TO GOLF

THE WAR HAS INTRODUCED a lot of new hazards to the game of golf. To begin with, aircraft obstacles — designed to prevent landing of any Axis 'planes — dot the British courses, writes a correspondent from London.

Many of the best layouts near London are scarred and pitted by bombs. You have to play out of bomb craters, too — no lifting.

Of eight major British sports, only soccer and racing cling to any semblance of their pre-war glory, and a comparison of current gate receipts with those for the Winter of 1938-39 for soccer and racing shows that total attendance

is off between 65 and 70 per cent.

Participation in sports has fallen off nearly as much despite the widespread athletic programmes of the fighting services. Golf, tennis, Rugby, cricket, track, rowing—all big amateur participant sports of the pre-war days—are at their lowest levels since 1917-18.

Bombers Are Blamed

Sport bigwigs name bombers and national service as the main reasons.

"A man doesn't have time or the inclination to play eighteen holes of golf or run cross-country any more," said Geoffrey Sharpe, president of the Blackheath Harriers, London sports club. "Not after he's worked eight hours at his office and then done six or eight hours as a fire fighter or an air raid warden."

The comparative expense of golf clubs, tennis racquets and other things also limits the number of participants.

Jack Hobbs, once Britain's premier cricketer, declares he has not sold any large orders of cricket equipment for months.

Expense also is a factor in the decline in spectator sports, which likewise suffer from demands for national service. With prices rising well ahead of wages the average man can't fork out \$2 for a prizefight seat or 75 cents for the entrance fee to a race course without feeling it.

Here's a quick outline of what is happening to the major sports:

Racing Dwindles

Racing dwindled last Summer but reopened again late in September. Despite charges that it diverts money from the war effort and places a strain on transport, it has been going on since. There is never more than one meeting, however, and since the Blitz began, the tracks near London have been quiet.

Steeplechasing is in high favour at present, but the bookies report betting light. The Grand National Steeplechase at Aintree, however, will not be run this year for the first time since its inception 104 years ago.

As in 1940, Britain will run a substitute Derby, the Oaks, the Two Thousand Guineas and the St. Leger. The nominations for these are surprisingly high, considering the circumstances. There are 65 for the Derby, 54 for the Oaks, 53 for the Two Thousand Guineas and 81 for the St. Leger. Three top owners of the British turf, Miss Dorothy Paget, Fred Darling and J. V. Rank, all have entries for the Derby, but many owners have sold their horses to

LAWN BOWLS SWEEP STARTS THIS WEEK

By "Lead"

THE LAWN BOWLS ASSOCIATION are again running a sweep on the highest aggregate Club win in the Lawn Bowls League and hope, with the co-operation of all bowlers and friends, to be able to raise a larger sum in aid of the B.W.O.F. than last year when more than \$2,500 was realised.

Last year the sweep was only started after 12 League games had been played, which was almost half way through the season, but the weekly response from all clubs was most satisfactory.

The sweep will this year be run on identical lines to last year and the draw will take place every Friday at Messrs. Gande Price Co., Ltd., the offices of Mr. R. P. Phillips, hon. secretary of the Association.

The lists have already been sent to all affiliated clubs and it is expected that the first week will bring good support.

A sum of \$450 has been realised on the raffle of a set of woods and the draw will take place on Friday.

The Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, is the Hon. Treasurer of the Sweeps.

JUNIOR CHESS TOURNEY

The Colony Junior Chess Championship Tournament came to a virtual standstill during the past weeks as only two more games were completed.

Un Kwan-yung beat R. C. Danenberg in one of the two matches played, and in the other A. Kurrik beat J. H. d'Almeida.

TABLE TO DATE

| | P | W | D | L | Pts |
|------------------|----|---|---|---|-----|
| A. V. Brunkoff | 8 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 6½ |
| Un Kwan-yung | 8 | 6 | 0 | 2 | 6 |
| A. Kurrik | 10 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 5½ |
| To Yu-lau | 7 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 5 |
| J. Tausz | 7 | 5 | 0 | 2 | 5 |
| J. Grefaldu | 8 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 5 |
| R. C. Danenberg | 8 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 5 |
| V. V. Kolatchoff | 8 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 3 |
| Wm. Lee | 9 | 3 | 0 | 6 | 3 |
| E. M. Petrove | 6 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 2½ |
| A. Morton | 5 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 1½ |
| R. C. Gardner | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| J. H. d'Almeida | 7 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 0 |

Irish stables or are racing in Ireland. For the first time in eleven years the Aga Khan's name is missing from the list of owners of Derby nominees.

HOME SOCCER

Following are the Home Soccer fixtures for the week-end:

WAR CUP FINAL

Arsenal v Preston (At Wembley)

FOOTBALL LEAGUE SOUTH

Portsmouth v Bournemouth

Watford v Luton Town

SOUTHERN REGIONAL LEAGUE

Aldershot v Queen's Park

Brentford v Fulham

Cardiff v Chelsea

Reading v West Ham

Stoke v Northampton

Tottenham v Crystal P.

Hotspur v Crystal P.

Walsall v Leicester

NORTHERN REGIONAL LEAGUE

Bury v Manchester

Chester v Bolton

Chesterfield v Sheffield

Liverpool v Tranmere Rovers

FOR LIVERPOOL CUP

Oldham v Rochdale

Wrexham v Manchester

REGIONAL MATCH

Mansfield v Grimsby

COMBINED COUNTIES (CUP SEMI-FINAL)

Leeds v Huddersfield

LANCASHIRE CUP (SEMI-FINAL)

Burnley v Blackpool

OTHER MATCHES

Middlesbrough v Sunderland

SCOTTISH CUP FINAL

Hearts v Rangers

(At Hampden Park Glasgow)

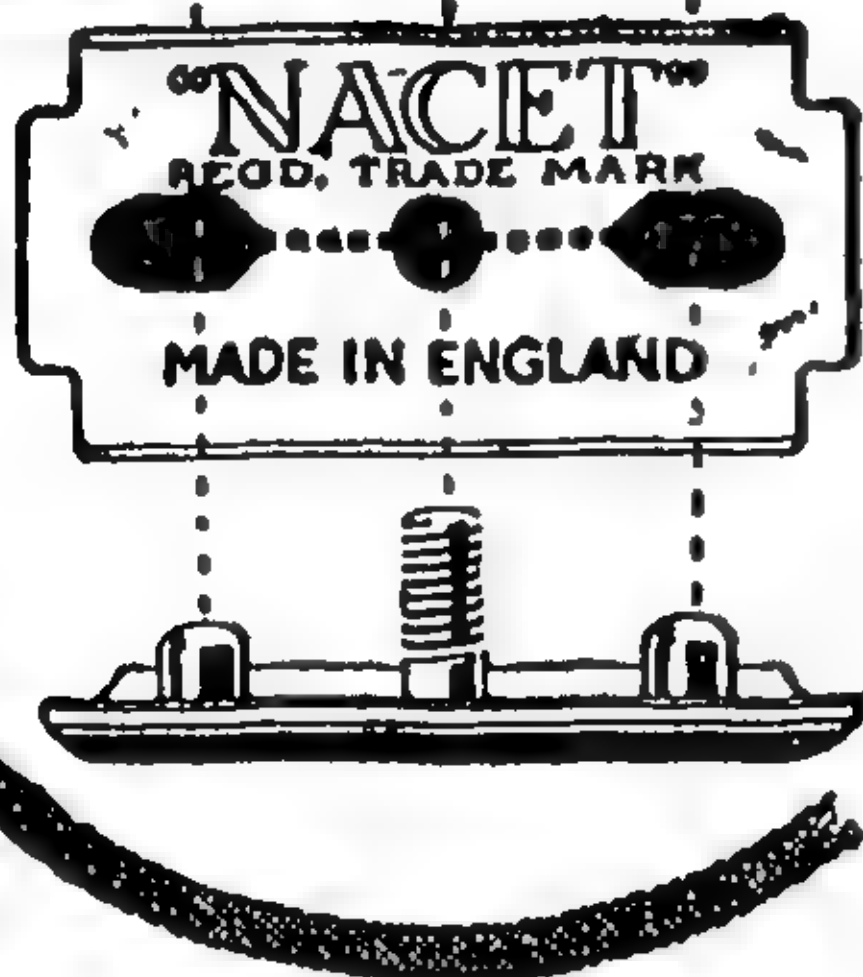
—Reuter.

The last monthly Meeting of the Hong Kong Football Referees' Association for the season 1940/41 will be held at the Hotel Cecil today at 8 p.m. The speaker will be Mr. Hugh A. Beard, Chairman of the Association, who will address the meeting on "Human Nature in Association Football".

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ANIMATED DEBATE ON WAR EFFORT EXPECTED

Arrangements For House Of Commons Debate

German Pressure On Vichy

Political circles in Zurich assume that Germany is anxious to have permission to use Syria as a military base.

No authoritative information, however, is available in connection with Germany's proposals to Vichy, which were handed by Otto Abetz to Admiral Darlan during the week-end.

The Swiss radio reports from Vichy that Darlan, who left yesterday afternoon for Paris, is accompanied by two diplomatic advisers.

The announcer said diplomatic negotiations which Darlan will conduct in Paris are of far-reaching importance for the future of Franco-German relations. — Reuter.

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Mr. Churchill To Wind Up

(By Reuter's Political Correspondent)

THE NEXT TWO SITTINGS of the House of Commons and the next sitting of the Lords will be occupied by consideration of the Government motion approving Government's policy in sending help to Greece and declaring confidence that the Imperial operations in the Middle East and other theatres will be pursued by Government with the utmost vigour.

As there is nothing in the nature of a crisis it will not be surprising if, despite an animated debate in which at least two former War Ministers hope to participate, criticisms are not carried as far as a division in the lobby except by a few like the Independent Labour Party men (who want a new government) and some of the more out and out critics of British war strategy, diplomacy and intelligence services.

Mr. Eden will open the proceedings, and according to present plans there will be only two other

Government speakers — Mr. Attlee in the middle and Mr. Churchill at the end.

Intention is to give back-benchers full scope for debate.

MR. HOPE-BELISHA AND MR. OLIVER STANLEY, BOTH FORMER WAR MINISTERS, HOPE TO SPEAK AND MR. LLOYD GEORGE IS A POSSIBLE PARTICIPANT.

In the Lords the discussion is expected to last only three hours.

When a debate was first demanded in the Commons, it offered the prospect of major political consequences, but the Government appointments announced last week have removed the likelihood of any such development at least pending knowledge of how the new Ministers are to fit into the whole war machine.

Ventilation Of Steam

Unless, therefore, some unusual turn is given to the discussion it seems unlikely that it will be much more than a useful ventilation of steam generated by recent events in Libya, Greece, Iraq and Turkey, coupled with current criticism of production, organisation of man power and related problems in Britain. — Reuter.

U.S. SUPPLY OF 'PLANES

A total of 414 'planes were delivered to the British Empire and Egypt in March, announces the U.S. Department of Commerce.

This compares with 258 in February and comparative values were \$25,250,000 and \$16,750,000, respectively.

Thirty-five 'planes were also delivered to the Netherlands East Indies.

Value of 'plane engines exported increased from just over \$8,000,000 to \$13,500,000. — Reuter.

BOUND FOR U.S.A.

A TOTAL OF 167 YUGOSLAV DIPLOMATS AND CONSULAR STAFF FORMERLY IN ITALY, HAVE ARRIVED AT PORT BOU ON THE FRANCO-SPANISH FRONTIER, IN A SPECIAL TRAIN, WHICH CONTINUED TO MADRID LAST EVENING.

It is understood they will remain in Madrid a few days and will then proceed to Lisbon with the intention of going to the United States. — Reuter.

STOP PRESS

The Egyptian Government has decided to send a message to the Iraqi Government, says a statement issued by the Egyptian Prime Minister's official in Cairo last night, according to Cairo radio.

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"The authorities in Iraq will undoubtedly appreciate that a grave responsibility rests on their shoulders, especially in these critical circumstances."

"We sincerely hope that both parties will reach a favourable solution of the present dispute, which will restore peace and tranquility to Iraq and that the war will not be extended to that part of the world." — Reuter.

It was officially announced in Gibraltar yesterday that further evacuations of civilians are taking place shortly.

Lists numbering over a thousand yesterday included many Spanish refugees. — Reuter.

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LICKING WOUNDS AT TOBRUK

British Sortie Breaks Up Plans For New Attack

DIRECT HITS ON WARSHIPS

A great load of armour-piercing bombs was carried to Brest on Sunday night by the R.A.F. to drop on the two Nazi battle-cruisers Scharnhorst and Gneisenau, states the Air Ministry news service.

The continued presence of the battle-cruisers at Brest, after five weeks, suggests, adds the news service, that either they have developed some grave defect while at sea or, what is more probable, that Brest has proved a very poor shelter.

ON SUNDAY NIGHT THEY SHOWED UP CLEARLY UNDER THE MOON AND PILOTS REPORT VERY ACCURATE BOMBING, WITH DIRECT HITS ON BOTH CRUISERS.

They made for the port late in March to be refuelled and to munition ship. These tasks can normally be completed in 24 hours.

Sticks of the heaviest bombs

Axis Forces Suffer Heavy Loss

THE MILITARY SPOKESMAN IN CAIRO YESTERDAY DESCRIBED THE POSITION AT TOBRUK AS, "BOTH SIDES ARE STILL LICKING THEIR WOUNDS."

On the first day of the latest attack, he added, the enemy made a breach of 2,000 yards like a blister in the south-west part of the outer perimeter but new British defence lines had been built across this point, which was some miles from the inner defence line.

He said it was quite probable that the enemy had lost a total of 50 tanks hitherto.

Communications by sea remained open and a number of prisoners had already been shipped.

Reviewing the position in Abyssinia, the spokesman said the British threat to Amba Alagi continued to make progress.

Indian troops, mostly Wahlis,

also fell repeatedly across the dry dock in which one vessel was berthed and about a jetty where the other was tied up.—Reuter.

had been doing real mountaineering, dragging guns and supplies up the mountainside.

The situation looked good. Prisoners had been taken and a counter-attack had been defeated.

Nazis Surprised

An official communique says that on the night of May 3/4 our troops at Tobruk launched a counter-attack, inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy and breaking up preparations which were being made for a renewal of the attack!

In the Sollum area, our mechanised forces were again active. Several enemy detachments were successfully engaged, with losses in personnel and armoured fighting vehicles.

In the Debub area of Abyssinia, Indian troops occupied Emadani and Ulether, on May 3.

More Prisoners

During the course of this operation, a heavy counter-attack by the enemy in greatly superior forces was driven back, leaving an officer and 250 other ranks prisoners in our hands.

On Sunday, further important positions were occupied and the advance upon Amba Alagi is steadily progressing.

A large number of enemy troops have surrendered. The number has not yet been counted.

In the southern districts further progress is reported by all our columns operating in pursuit of the enemy.—Reuter.

WAITING FOR THE BIRDS TO COME HOME

In one crowded hour on Sunday night over an enemy-occupied aerodrome in occupied France, from which German bombers attack Britain, an R.A.F. fighter pilot attacked five Nazi raiders returning to their base.

Although he was unable to see the results of his attacks, says the Air Ministry news service, five enemy planes must be regarded as seriously damaged. — Reuter.

Single Control In Crete

The Allied forces in Crete are now under the command of the New Zealand Major-General Freyburg, V.C., Commander-in-Chief of the N.Z. Expeditionary Force.

This was announced in Canea (Crete) yesterday in the following Order of the Day by the Greek Premier and War Minister, M. Tsouderos:—

"In order better to conduct the struggle which we have undertaken with our powerful ally, Great Britain, His Majesty King George and his Government have decided that the Allied troops on the island should be placed under a single command.

"Major-General Freyburg has been appointed Commander-in-Chief of the forces on the island."—Reuter.

IRAQ OUT OF THE STERLING AREA

A British Treasury Order issued yesterday in effect excludes Iraq from the sterling area. — Reuter.

GLASGOW AGAIN?

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AMERICA FIGHTS NAZI INFLUENCE IN VICHY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

THE UNITED STATES is attempting to influence France against accepting Nazi demands for full collaboration with Germany against Britain in Europe and Africa.

The U.S. Government is seeking to convince Vichy that it is not wise to yield to German demands for the passage of troops across unoccupied France to Spain for an assault on Gibraltar.

It is feared the Administration is ready to grant French pleas for large food shipments to Vichy will give concrete assurances that France will not cooperate further militarily with Berlin.

It is believed that Mr. Robert Murphy, Counsellor of the U.S. Embassy at Vichy, carried a message to this effect to the French regime from Washington.

One big reason for the U.S. Government's concern is a desire to prevent German control of the Mediterranean.

Meanwhile Admiral Darlan has returned to Vichy from his talks with Abetz and other Nazi officials in Paris with it is reported, a German proposal that France restore and maintain control of all her colonies.

Darlan conferred with Marshal Petain, and it is reported Germany has offered cooperation in measures to throw the de Gaulle forces out of French Africa.

It is also rumoured the Reich is seeking permission to transit troops across Syria to Iraq.

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Twice yesterday Berlin radio broadcast a story that Australian troops at Singapore have refused to go to Egypt.

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The Australian authorities in London dismiss the statement as fantastic, fortified by the knowledge that the Australians at Singapore are trying to get to Egypt to have a go at the enemy.—Reuter.



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IRAQ SITUATION UNDER CONTROL

Greater Part Of Iraq Air Force Destroyed

Garrison Of Habbaniyah Intact

AN OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE ISSUED FROM BRITISH GENERAL HEADQUARTERS IN CAIRO YESTERDAY ON THE IRAQI DEVELOPMENTS STATES THAT IRAQI ARTILLERY POSTED IN THE VICINITY OF HABBANIYAH WAS RENDERED COMPARATIVELY INACTIVE ON SUNDAY BY OUR AIRCRAFT.

The garrison of Habbaniyah is intact and has suffered very few casualties from the unprovoked Iraqi attack.

The greater part of the Iraqi air force has already been destroyed by our air action either while attempting to attack British camps or as a result of attack by our air forces on Iraqi air bases.

After attacking an unarmed British construction gang, which was in the vicinity, Iraqi forces on May 2 occupied Rutbah.

In the Basra area our troops remain in occupation without interference.

An additional Middle East communique says that successful infantry patrols from Habbaniyah were carried out throughout Sunday night.

Not Serious

The communique adds that on Sunday there was intermittent shelling of the R.A.F. station at Habbaniyah by Iraqi artillery.

It was not of a serious nature owing to the constant air patrols maintained by British fighters and bombers.

"News" of the fighting also comes from German sources, a Byroth message quoted by the German news agency stating that British armoured cars attacked the Iraqi desert fort at Rutbah.

The message claims the attack was successfully repelled by the Iraqi troops.

No Germans

There is no evidence of the arrival of German aircraft or officers, it was stated in a review of the position in Iraq by military circles in Cairo.

The spokesman estimated the total strength of the Iraqi air force as 120 of all types, hardly any of them modern.

The unarmed party captured at Rutbah, mentioned in the official communique, consisted of three or four British officers and a few Sappers, the remainder being local labourers.

They were captured by a mobile Iraqi force.

Delicate

The spokesman said the situation around Habbaniyah was "a little difficult and delicate."

Apart from at Basra and Habbaniyah, the British had only a certain number of construction gangs working on the Baghdad-Haifa road, which passes through Rutbah.—Reuter.

CROAT AUTONOMISTS DISSATISFIED

Information reaching authoritative Yugoslav circles "some-where in the Middle East" declares considerable dissatisfaction is rife among Croat supporters of Hitler's new order in view of the action of Italy and Hungary in seizing large areas of Croatia, although the whole territory had been promised as an independent republic.—Reuter.

CAPT. JAMES ROOSEVELT IN CALCUTTA

En route from Chungking to Cairo, where he and Major Thomas, of the U.S. Marine Corps, will establish headquarters as military observers, Capt. James Roosevelt, the President's eldest son, arrived in Calcutta yesterday.

He stated that when they reach Cairo they will receive instructions from Washington concerning their future programme.

China throughout, he said, had been receiving American supplies which would be increased in the near future.

"The morale of the Chinese is excellent and they are determined to carry on to victory."—Reuter.

CANADA URGED TO GREATER EFFORT

EXPRESSING CONFIDENCE THAT THE PEOPLE WOULD FACE THE SACRIFICES IMPOSED BY THE NEW TAXES, THE OPPOSITION LEADER, MR. R. B. HANSON, OPENING THE BUDGET DEBATE IN THE CANADIAN HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY, WARNED GOVERNMENT OF WIDESPREAD DISSATISFACTION AS TO THE MANNER MONEY WAS BEING SPENT.

Peacetime expenditure must be cut to the bone, and he was equally confident that Canadians demand was for the same high and inspiring leadership, which Mr. Churchill was giving Britain and President Roosevelt was giving the United States, lighting the way and guiding the people along the path to ultimate victory.—Reuter.

ENEMY PLANES OVER ALEXANDRIA

Enemy aircraft flew over Alexandria between 10 and 11.30 on Sunday night. There were no casualties or damage.—Reuter.



As in the other Commands of the Army, troops in Northern Iraq are paying great attention to salvage and anything that can be made use of is not wasted. Paper salvage, old books, periodicals, newspapers, etc., are carefully salvaged. The wire clips are removed before packing.

NAZI SHIPS IN THE ANTARCTIC

The Germans and Japanese have been in the Antarctic and British naval forces blew up a Norwegian whaler repair-ship in Deception Bay, to prevent her use by the Germans.

These reports have been brought back to the United States from Little America by members of Admiral Byrd's expedition, who returned to Boston yesterday.

Officers stated rumours of German operations near Deception Island came to them from other mariners, but the captain of Admiral Byrd's ship "North Star" declared that before the ship left the Antarctic he saw a Japanese whaler manoeuvring off the coast.—Reuter.

U.S. FLOUR FOR FRENCH

TWO FRENCH FREIGHTERS, ILE DE RE AND LEOLOD, LADEN WITH 14,000 TONS OF AMERICAN FLOUR, HAVE ARRIVED AT MARSEILLES FROM THE U.S. SAYS THE VICHY NEWS AGENCY.

The gift will enable free rations to be distributed on three Saturdays with the active help of the general delegate for the Red Cross in Europe, Mr. Allen, the agency adds.—Reuter.

YUGOSLAV PRESS BUREAU

The Royal Yugoslav Government has formed a joint press bureau with Serb, Croat and Slovene personnel as part of an organisation creating uniformity in determination to wage a united struggle against the Axis.—Reuter.

TURKISH OFFER TO MEDIATE

It is now confirmed in London that the Turkish Government have offered to mediate between the British and Iraqi Governments, says Reuter's diplomatic correspondent.

The British Government, while greatly appreciating the friendly motive of the Turkish Government, have been compelled to point out that an essential prerequisite of entering into any negotiations is the withdrawal of Iraqi troops from Habbaniyah.—Reuter.

SHANGHAI RICE PRICE DROPS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

THE PRICE OF IMPORTED RICE IN SHANGHAI TOOK A SHARP DROP YESTERDAY MORNING WITH A FURTHER DROP EXPECTED ON THE ARRIVAL OF THE COUNCIL'S FIRST SHIPMENT OF 5,000 TONS 10 DAYS HENCE.

The price decline was likewise affected by the French Concession decision to import rice from Indo-China which will probably result in an embargo imposed by Indo-China against imports to Shanghai for other parties. This step is similar to that taken by Hong Kong.—International News Service.

EGYPTIAN MESSAGE TO IRAQ

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KING'S HORSE WINS AT NOTTINGHAM

The King gained his second turf victory of the season when his Classics candidate, Merry Wanderer, won the May Handicap at Nottingham yesterday amid great enthusiasm.

Merry Wanderer, starting at odds of 10 to 1, and ridden by Peter Maher, on leave from the R.A.F., beat the Duke of Norfolk's 25/1 outsider, Clean Sweep, by eight lengths, with the 3/1 favourite, Salmonus, owned by the Queen's cousin, the Hon. J. Boscawen, third.—Reuter.

LIVERPOOL CARRIES ON:::FOUR BLITZ NIGHTS

At Least Eight Nazi Bombers Shot Down On Sunday

THE NAZI AIR FORCE LOST AT LEAST EIGHT BOMBERS ON SUNDAY NIGHT TO THE FIRE OF BRITISH NIGHT FIGHTERS, A.A. GUNS AND A DESTROYER WHEN THE PRINCIPAL TARGETS WERE NORTHERN IRELAND AND NORTH-WEST ENGLAND INCLUDING — FOR THE FOURTH NIGHT IN SUCCESSION — MERSEYSIDE.

The destroyer Southdown, it became known last night, raised the night's total to just half that of Saturday night when she was attacked by a twin-engined German bomber.

Her fire caused the raider to burst into flames and crash into the sea, and Southdown proceeded on her course without having suffered any casualties.

After four days and nights of raids Liverpool is carrying on.

Following a special meeting of the city's Emergency Committee, special arrangements were considered, and a statement was issued saying that Liverpool had passed through a serious trial. The Committee expressed its great appreciation of the spirit in which citizens had met the crisis.

It was a great inspiration, the Committee added, to know that Liverpool had not been behind other cities in its realisation of the importance of maintaining the steadiness of civic life.

Belfast Raid

For the second time in three weeks the Luftwaffe crossed the Irish Sea on Sunday night to strike indiscriminately at the patriotic Northern Ireland city of Belfast, writes Reuter's staff reporter.

Amid the misery of ruined homes, fortitude mingled with tremendous relief that casualties were not as heavy as at first feared.

The blow was, however, severe as the official communique shows with its reference to "much damage to commercial, industrial and residential property."

Gallant Nurses

At a hospital hit in a previous raid and damaged again on Sunday night, I have just been told of the gallantry of nurses who shepherded their patients—mostly women and children—to safety as flames swept part of the building.

Their calm courage was matched by A.R.P. workers and ambulance drivers who battled through the night to check fires and to bring in injured, and by those ordinary men and women whose homes have gone but who, since they felt they are in this war as completely as any part of Britain, now are not dismayed because they have felt its full severity.

ONLY A FEW HOURS AFTER THE SUN ROSE ON THE BATTERED CITY TIDYING UP PROCEEDED AS SWIFTLY AS POSSIBLE.

Meanwhile two German planes were shot down during daylight yesterday when a small number of enemy aircraft crossed the south-east coast of Britain.

Bombs were dropped at a point in the south-east and there were bursts of machine-gun fire but little damage and no casualties.

By "Accident"

One plane was destroyed by an R.A.F. pilot who was merely out testing his guns. He and his squadron leader were making for a suitable place to fire cannon shells when two German fighters were spotted. It is now known that in the attack on Merseyside on Friday night another enemy bomber was shot down by A.A. fire, making a total of six destroyed that night. — Reuter.

THE GERMAN DILEMMA

Colonel Kleen, writing in the Stockholm "Vecko-journalen," declares that despite Germany's tremendous victories there is no triumphant rejoicing in Germany, for in fact, as a German has said, "The more victorious the more worries."

German administrative machinery is being strained to its utmost as well as German finances. The German people are bearing such burdens that they cannot rejoice.

Every victory is followed by a demand for a new one—there is no sign of a decisive victory. Why? The Germans are fighting the British Empire backed by the United States.

Ninety million Germans, supported by 43,000,000 Italians, are fighting two world Powers of 661,000,000 inhabitants, possessing material and a war potential greatly superior to the Axis powers and aided by the rich Dutch East Indies.

IF THE GERMAN WAR MACHINE COULD GET AT THE ANGLO-SAXON POWERS, THE RESULT MIGHT NOT BE IN DOUBT BUT THE SEA COMES IN BETWEEN.

Food And Oil

There is no indication that Britain cannot ride out the storm, despite bombed towns and sunk ships.

The conclusion is that the German army can score victories but cannot exploit them.

When there are no more battlefields left, the war will become a fight for food and oil, and in that fight the Anglo-Saxon world powers have the upper hand. — Reuter.

MIGHTY WALLOP

THE FIGHT FOR FREEDOM WILL BE WON "BECAUSE CANADA AS WELL AS BRITAIN AND ALL THOSE ASSOCIATED WITH HER WILL STOP AT NOTHING WHICH CAN EFFECTIVELY BE DONE TO ENSURE THE OVERTHROW OF NAZISM," DECLARED THE CANADIAN DEFENCE MINISTER IN A SPEECH AT TORONTO YESTERDAY.

He believed the events of the past week—the steps by the U.S. for increased aid to Britain—had given the enemy a "mighty wallop."

Reviewing the growth of Canada's armed forces, Col. Ralston said the Navy now had over 180 ships compared with 15 before the war, while the Air Force had grown to a strength of 50,000 men. — Reuter.

YUGOSLAV SHIPS IN U.S. PORTS

The U.S. Coastguard authorities announced yesterday that Coastguardsmen boarded Yugoslav ships as a precautionary measure at Brooklyn, New York, but declared the ships have not been "seized."

This announcement followed a report in the New York "Journal American" that the Yugoslav ships Scroca Nepi and President Kraljic had been taken over.

The Coastguardsmen said, "When the Coastguard receives certain rumours we take certain action."

The "Journal American" reported that the President Kraljic had attempted to flee but was captured off Staten Island at the entrance to New York harbour.

Coastguard headquarters stated they understood the reason for the move was to determine whether the officers and crews of the vessels were loyal to King Peter or to the new Government established in Yugoslavia by the Germans.

Loyal Crews

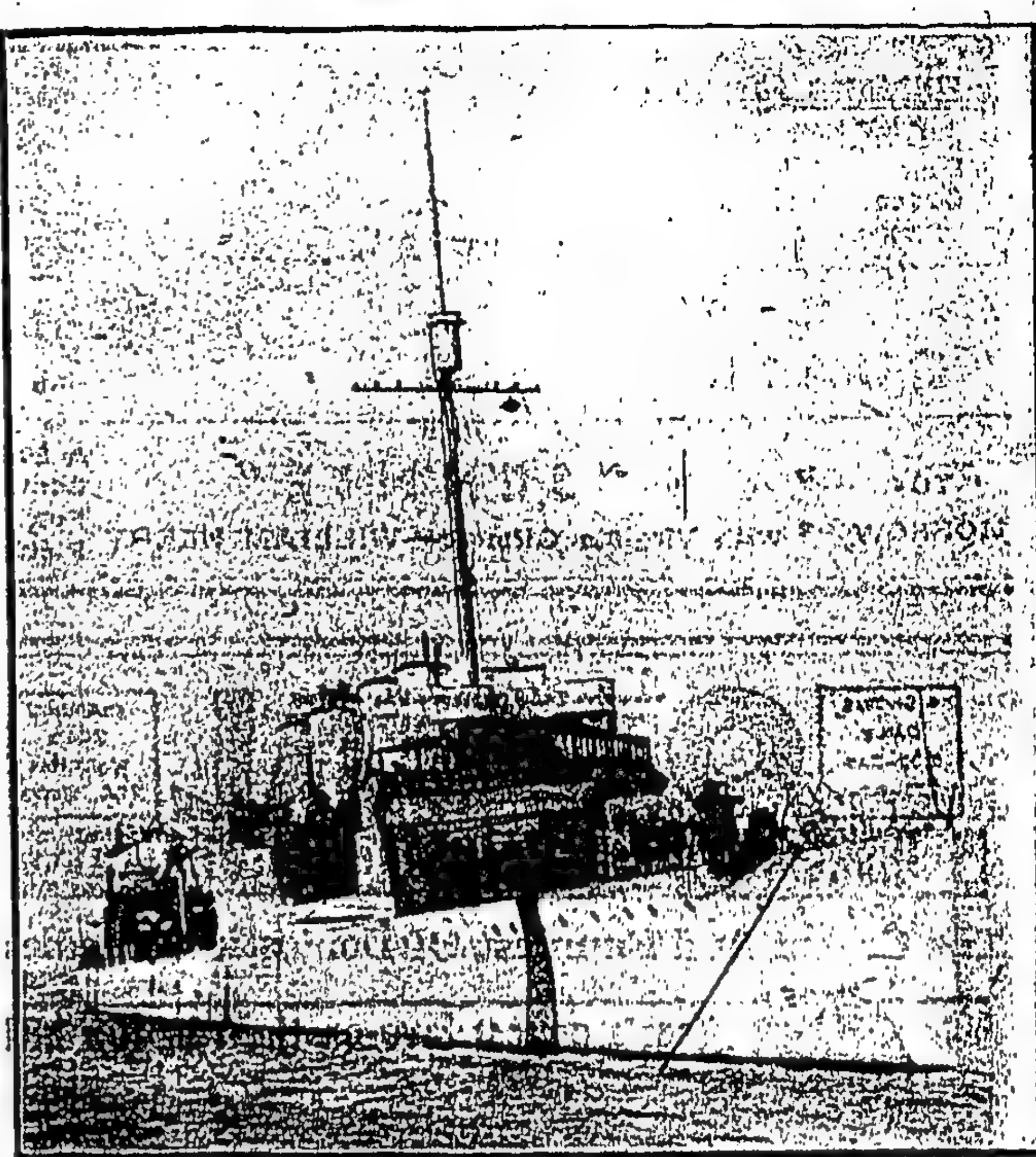
Inspection of the ships is believed to have established that they are loyal to King Peter and to Britain and no further action is being taken, although a close watch will be kept on the ships.

There are 17 Yugoslav ships in U.S. ports at present. — Reuter.

VAN KLEFFENS' VISIT DOWN UNDER

The Netherlands Foreign Minister, Dr. van Kleffens, and M. Welter, have arranged to visit Australia on May 12 for six days. They will then go to New Zealand and on May 24 will proceed by air to San Francisco. — Reuter.

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One of Britain's newest acquisitions, H.M.S. Reading, a Town Class Destroyer.

D.E.I.'S AVENGING BOMBERS

With the objective of Prince Bernhard's amalgamated Dutch East Indies Spitfire Funds in sight, ensuring the purchase of a squadron of Rotterdam bombers, to avenge the city's destruction, efforts are now being made to raise money to purchase a number of motor torpedo-boats for the Royal Dutch Navy to assist the struggle at sea. — Reuter.

ROOSEVELT ON FINAL TRIUMPH

A message expressing confidence in the final triumph of the Democracies has been sent by President Roosevelt to the President of Poland, on the occasion of Polish National Day and the 150th anniversary of the Polish Constitution.

President Roosevelt assured Poland of "our unfailing friendship and understanding and our confidence in the final triumph of the forces of the Democracies." — Reuter.

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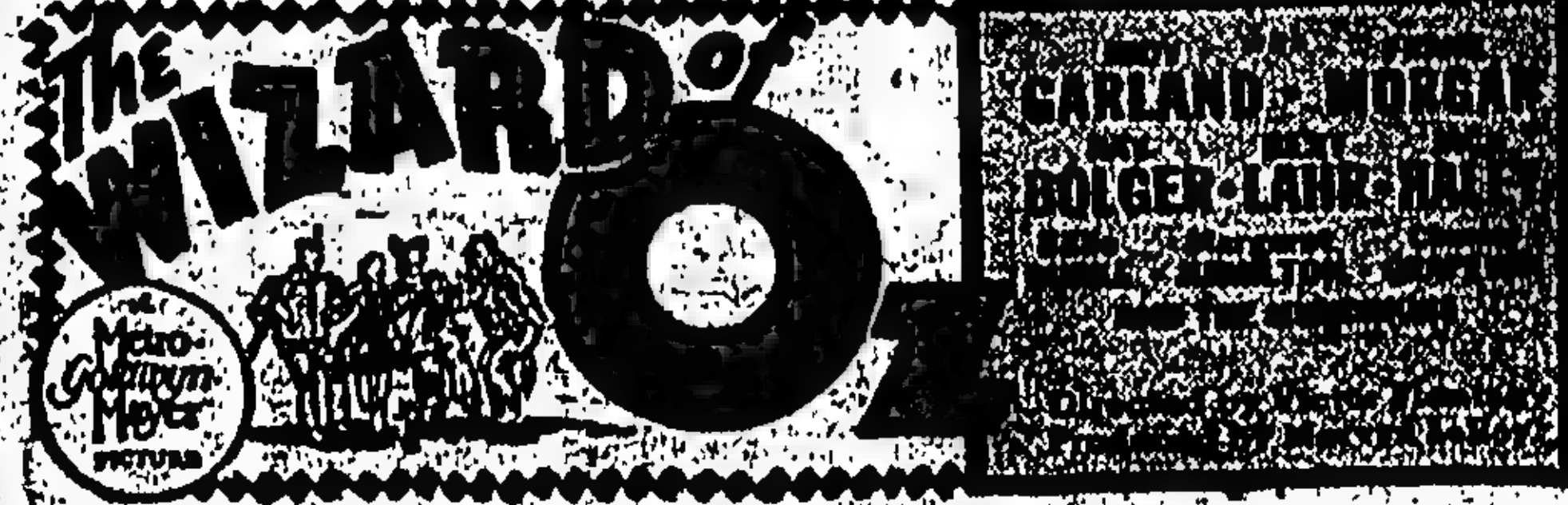
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HITLER'S FAILURE TO REPEAT PROMISE WAR TO END IN 1941

FIRST COMMENTS ON HITLER'S SPEECH TO APPEAR IN THE SWISS PRESS STRESS THE FACT HE DISAPPOINTED HIS AUDIENCE THROUGH INABILITY TO REPEAT THE PROMISE THAT THE WAR WOULD BE FINISHED THIS YEAR.

His omission of any reference to Germany's relations with the United States is singled out for special emphasis by the Stockholm newspaper "Aftonbladet." The omission, says the paper, probably means that the atmosphere is too charged to allow an utterance regarding German plans

A declaration by Hitler regarding the consequences of the Roosevelt policy had been expected, adds the newspaper, and continues "Berlin obviously prefers to continue to await the result of the internal trial of strength in United States."

The Vichy news agency, by dint of dating its observations on Hitler's speech from Berne, contrives to comment comparatively freely upon it. The agency quotes the Berlin correspondent of the Swiss newspaper "Bund" as attributing great importance to Hitler's exhortation to the German people to increase the national effort in war production.

Important Element

The correspondent continues: "Hitler is doubtless aware that American aid constitutes an important element in British resistance, and consequently he considers that an increase in armaments production is indispensable."

"There is reason to believe compulsory labour service in the Reich will shortly be applied to all women and girls not hitherto employed in agriculture and war industries."

"Germany wants to push her efforts to the extreme to prevent the time factor coming into play."

"Hitler thinks, perhaps not without reason, that a final increase in the national labour effort is still possible."

Got To Go Through

The correspondent states the Vichy agency, concludes by remarking that the speech gave it to be understood that Hitler considers the task of wiping out Britain, notwithstanding American aid, as a very risky undertaking but that now he has got to go through with it to the end. — Reuter.

OLD MAN AND THE BISHOP

Driving in a remote part of Surrey, with every signpost removed, in case of invasion, the Bishop of Guildford found himself lost.

In a tiny hamlet he came across an old man leaning over a gate.

"Where does the road go to up there?" asked the Bishop.

"Don't you jolly well wish you knew?" was the reply.

Then the old man added: "I am ninety-seven, and you don't catch me!"

But in the end he told the way. "What I feel about it," said the Bishop, telling of the encounter at a Farnham school speech day, "is that there is not much wrong in England when an old gentleman of ninety-seven is alert to discover the possibility of an enemy in, possibly, the strangest of disguises."

AIR ATTACK ON CRETE BEATEN OFF

British fighter successes against enemy aircraft raiding Crete are recorded in an R.A.F. Middle East communique which states: "Cyrenaica — during the night of 3/4 May R.A.F. bombers raided Benina aerodrome, near Benghazi, causing a number of fires and explosions."

Derna aerodrome was also bombed with similar results. Enemy motor transport and mechanised units, some of which were carrying troops, were both bombed and machine-gunned in the Maraua area.

A number of motor transport vehicles were destroyed and others damaged and casualties inflicted on troops.

Other bombers attacked a military headquarters south-east of Tobruk, causing four large fires.

Crete—enemy aircraft raiding Crete were intercepted by our fighters. Four enemy aircraft were shot down and others damaged.

Anti-aircraft fire destroyed further enemy aircraft and damaged another.

H.Q. Attacked

Abyssinia—Italian headquarters in Abyssinia were machine-gunned by fighter aircraft of the S.A.A.F. and a vigorous attack was made on stores, dumps and motor transport troops throughout the day between Falaga Pass and the Dessie road.

It is estimated that over 100 enemy motor transport vehicles were severely damaged. Stores and dumps were repeatedly hit by our bombs.

From all these operations our aircraft returned safely with the exception of two. — British Wireless

BY CONVOY IF NECESSARY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
SENATOR CLAUDE PEPPER DECLARED IN WASHINGTON YESTERDAY THAT "WE MUST GET WAR MATERIALS TO BRITAIN BY CONVOY IF NECESSARY."

Meanwhile Admiral Land urged Congress to rush passage of the Bill authorising the acquisition of 600,000 tons of idle foreign shipping in American ports, citing urgent shipping needs.

He hoped it would pass in two days but Congress leaders predicted it would take a fortnight. — International News Service.

HEROINE SAVED 4 IN DEBRIS

Twenty-year-old Peggy Stanley and her fifteen-year-old sister Jean were visiting a friend's house when a solitary bomb fell in a London area.

Peggy and Jean were in the kitchen with Mrs. Horner, nineteen-year-old Peggy Horner, her daughter, and fifteen-year-old Doreen Distant when there was a terrific explosion.

The kitchen door fell on Peggy Stanley's back, with debris piling up on it. But she did not move. She supported the door with her body, preventing the debris from crashing into the kitchen, and held it there while her friends crawled out of the room. She then managed to escape herself.

Peggy afterwards found that her own home had been made uninhabitable by the blast, but after a sleepless night she turned up at her work-place as usual the next morning.

The building where she worked had also been damaged and she helped to clear up the mess.

When her employer suggested she should take a day or two off she said "No, I want to get on with my work."

Rescue workers in another part of the area had to dig a tunnel to free an elderly woman who had been trapped when her house collapsed.

Several bodies were recovered and it is believed that more are buried. Three sisters and two babies were among the dead.

RUBBER MONOPOLY IN BRITAIN

No trading occurred on the London rubber market yesterday and quotations were unavailable as the authorities discussed the market's future.

It is understood the Ministry of Supply has decided to become the sole importer and exporter of the commodity but will use the London Rubber Association in performing this function.

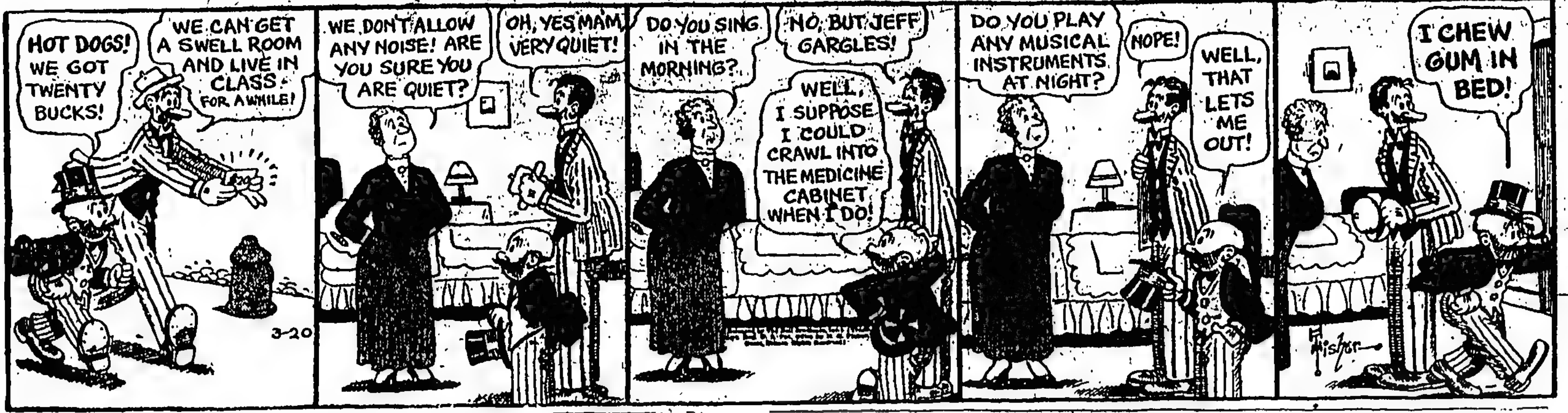
This recently appointed Rubber Controller continued conversations throughout the day with the trade.

No statement on these discussions has been issued but market circles are pessimistic, fearing an eventual decision that might involve the suspension of business for the duration. — Reuter.

SHANGHAI POLICE STRIKE AVERTED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
The threatened strike in the western area of Shanghai special police was averted by the granting of an increase of \$70 for men with \$30 salaries according to an official statement. — International News Service.

MUTT AND JEFF



MARY GOLDING'S CUPS OF TEA

(By A Special Correspondent)

ENTER seventy-seven-year-old Mrs. Mary Golding carrying a cup of tea. It is for the first customer in her restaurant, rebuilt after a fire blitz.

It is her triumph in a life devoted to seeing that people got a nice cup of tea. When she was seventeen, Grandfather Joshua Melhuish put her in charge of a small dairy shop in the centre of Bristol.

People often asked her for cups of tea. Repeatedly she begged her grandfather to let her serve them. Always he refused.

One day he gave in—went out and bought her a teapot and cups. From that small beginning Mr. Melhuish developed many other shops, a large restaurant and hotel, and eventually turned his business into a limited company.

Mrs. Golding married when she was twenty and retired from tea-serving. But she often came in to give a hand at busy times. She became, too, a director of the company. She put her son, another Joshua, into the business thirty years ago.

His Mother Won

In the fire blitz, shops, restaurant and hotel vanished within a few hours.

Mrs. Golding—undaunted, still determined to see that people got a nice cup of tea in spite of Hitler—wanted to restart the restaurant in an old property in another district.

Depressed by the total loss of their long-established business, her fifty-six-year-old son tried to deter her.

It meant, he pointed out, starting on the bottom rung again in difficult circumstances. He thought it might be too much for her.

But Mrs. Golding was determined. People must have food and drink.

Eventually she persuaded her son to agree with her.

As she got her way with serving a cup of tea at the age of seventeen, so she got it this time at the age of seventy-seven.

PLANNING A DREAM CITY OUT OF RUINS

Replanning of the centre of Coventry, with ringed, and radial roadways to relieve traffic congestion is proposed in a scheme adopted by the city council.

Historic buildings which escaped the big raid on November 14-15, and the cathedral ruins, are preserved as features in open spaces and gardens.

The scheme prepared by the city architect, Mr. D. E. Gibson, will be submitted to the Ministry of Works and Buildings for consideration as a guide to future legislation on the redevelopment of blitzed towns.

A new civic centre is grouped around a central park on the site of the present pool meadow and provision is made for an entertainments centre, big hotels, a main shopping centre and market on the arcade system.

Where rehousing becomes necessary it is proposed this should be in tall blocks of flats to release land for open spaces and gardens.

The Council also decided that the general rate when made should not exceed the present figure of 14s. in the pound.

In the absence of any announcement regarding Government policy, this proposal was based upon there being a Government grant equivalent to the loss of rate income arising from air raids.

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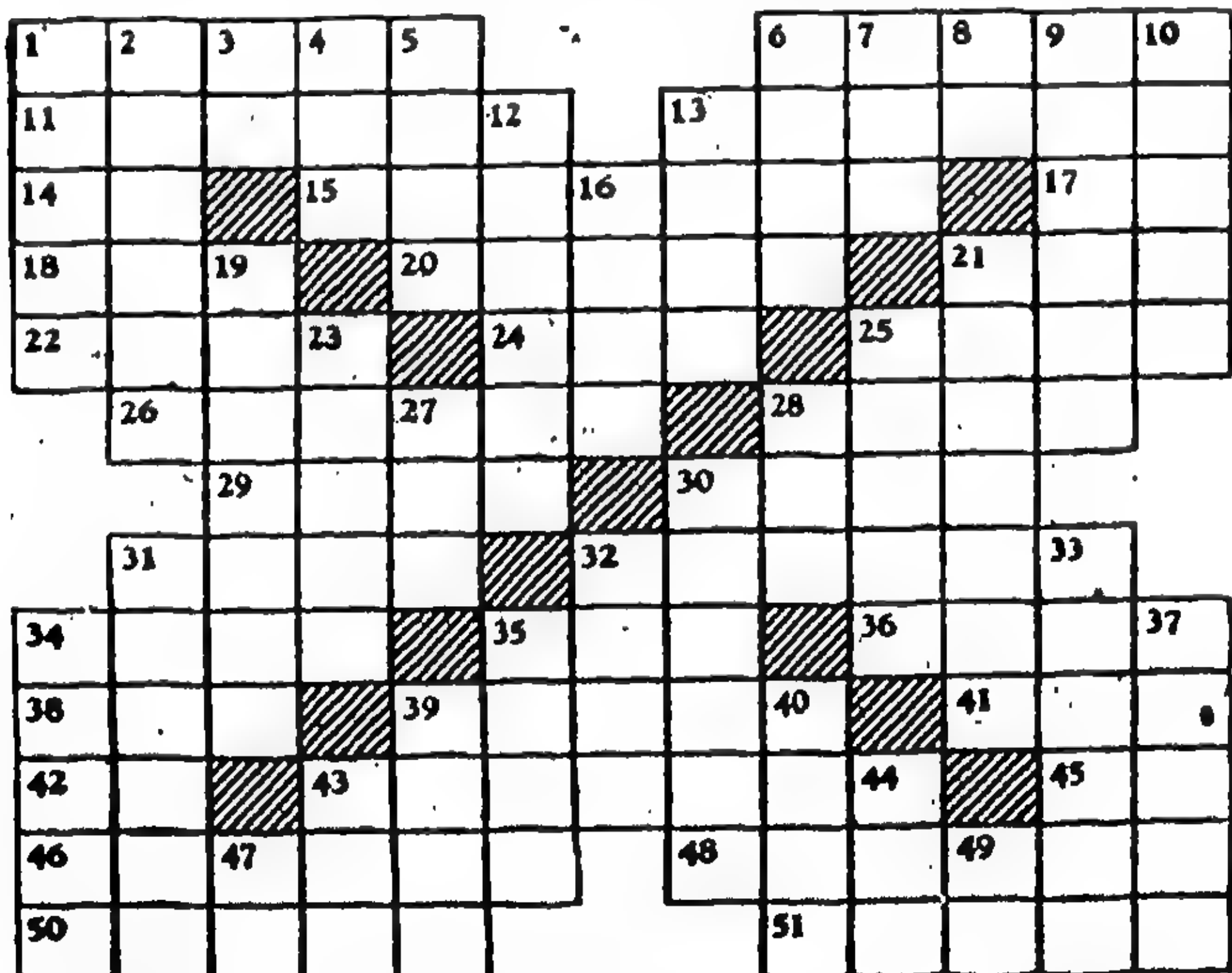
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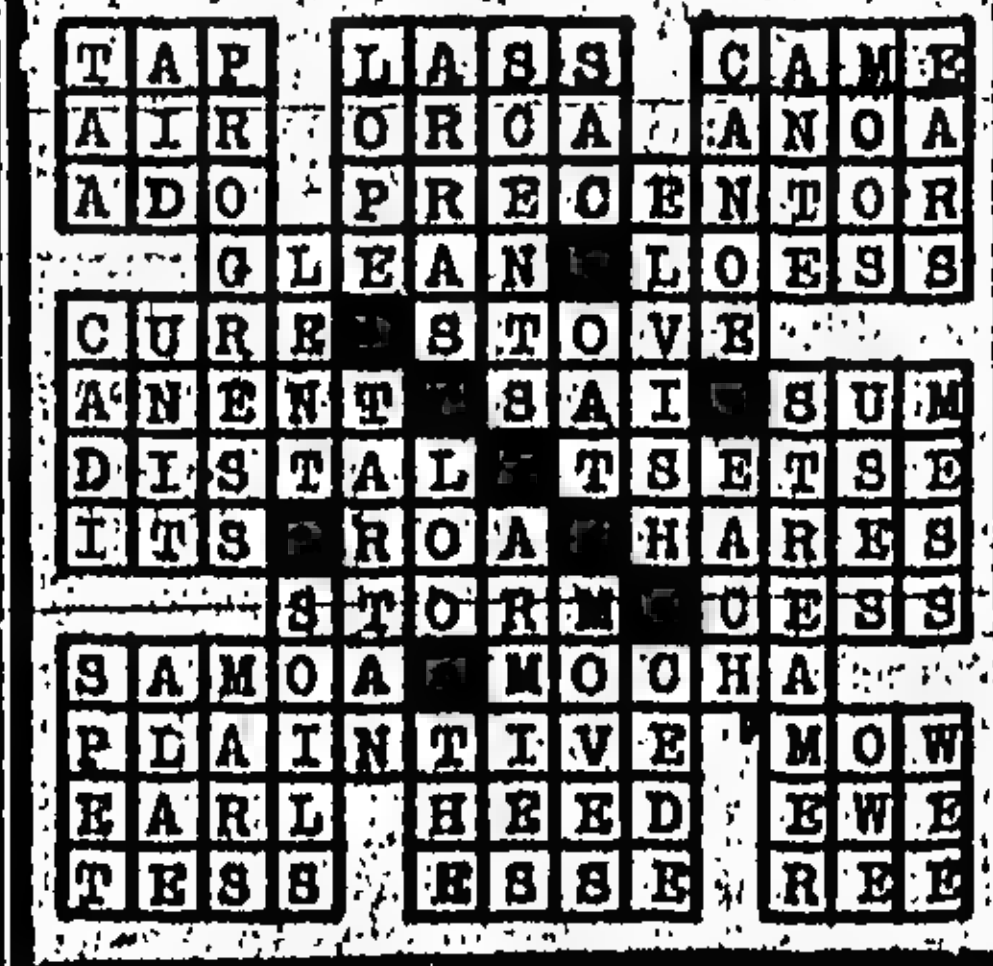
HORIZONTAL

- 1 To escape
- 6 Archaic pronoun
- 11 To receive
- 13 Anglo-Saxon freemen
- 14 Earth goddess
- 15 Removes
- 17 You and me
- 18 Bitter vetch
- 20 Style of type
- 21 Devoured
- 22 Bristle
- 24 Equality
- 25 Imitated
- 26 City in Colorado
- 28 Ancient musical instrument
- 29 Chills and fever
- 30 Dye plant
- 31 Pintail duck
- 32 Vulture
- 34 Pitcher
- 35 Sea-eagle
- 36 Protection
- 38 To shake
- 39 Characteristic
- 41 Pronoun
- 42 Latin conjunction

VERTICAL

- 1 Borders
- 2 Turned
- 3 Arab (abbr.)
- 4 Acted
- 5 At any time
- 6 At that time
- 7 Possesses

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



8 Preposition

- 9 Neither masculine nor feminine
- 10 Ancient chariot
- 12 Epic poem
- 13 Former ruler
- 16 Persian poet
- 19 Large vessel
- 21 Justification
- 23 Wrath
- 24 Apart
- 27 Opening in a helmet
- 28 Girl's name
- 30 Pertaining to the Muses
- 31 To wrap
- 32 Rough rock
- 33 Turbulent person
- 34 To oust
- 35 Epochs
- 37 Undressed kid
- 39 Cans
- 40 Snare
- 43 Insect egg
- 44 Likely
- 47 Article
- 49 Hebrew letter

LEFT FILM TO JOIN UP

As the title of a gangster film flashed on the screen of a cinema in Exeter more than 200 boys hurriedly left for the exits. Yet they had come to the cinema expressly to see the film.

The youngsters had just heard a recruiting appeal for the Air Training Corps. It came at the end of a stage show by a band of R.A.F. entertainers.

The appeal urged the lads to "enrol now." So they signed on in the foyer of the cinema—the first of the second hundred thousand.

FROM BAD TO NURSE

A husband told the magistrate at Highgate, London:—"When my wife made life somewhat difficult for me by expecting me to do the housework and wait on her hand and foot, I consulted friends older than us and they suggested a baby might make her more reasonable."

"A baby came along—and then my troubles increased."

"I had to get up at 5.30 in the morning to give the baby its bottle and do many other things."

The husband, who had now left home, agreed to pay his wife £1 a week with 10s. a week for the baby.

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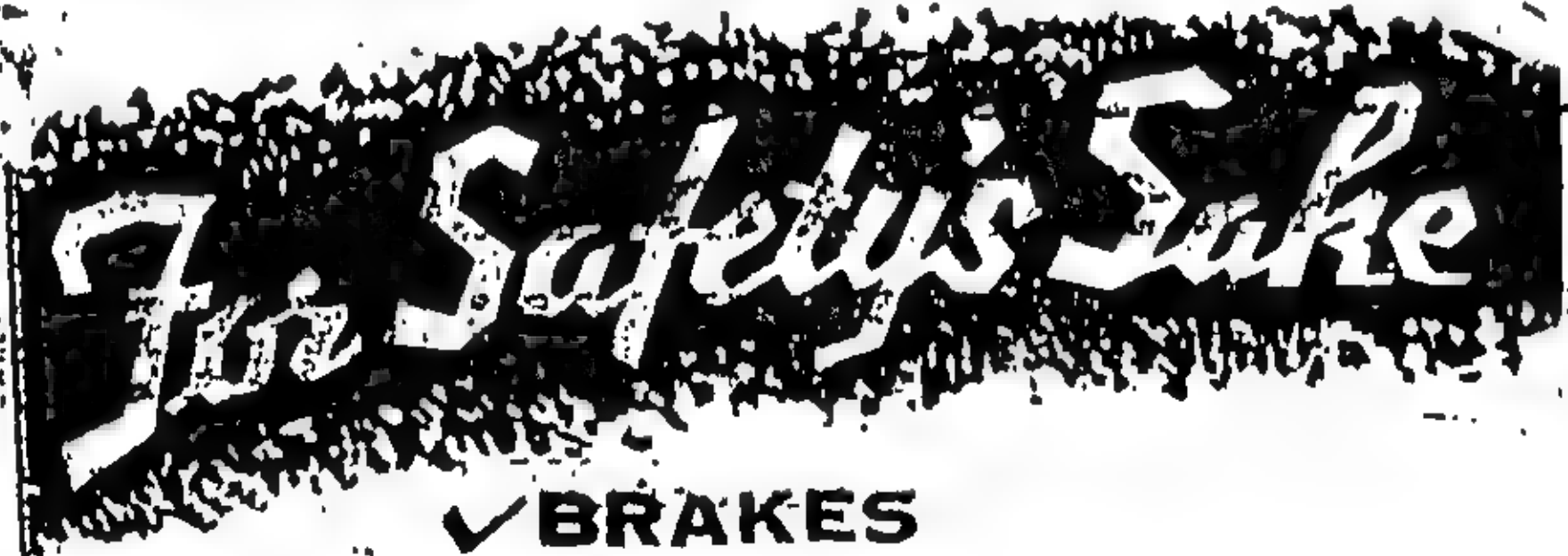
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RAILWAYMAN FOUND 1,000 IN SNOW

(By A Special Correspondent)

A RAILMAN trying to fight his way to work during the great snowstorm which swept the North of England, stumbled by chance upon a thousand "lost" people — trapped in a string of six trains buried in drifts only five miles from Newcastle-on-Tyne. Some of the passengers were trapped for thirty-six hours.

Climbing over a drift the railman discovered he had landed on the roofs of some carriages which he presumed were empty. As he started to walk along this high level route through the snow, he was amazed to hear voices.

Then he found the buried carriages were packed with hungry men, women and children who had passed the night sleeping on floors, seats and luggage racks. Among them were several mothers with young children.

One after another six trains had been forced to stop until there was a string of about seventy-five stranded carriages.

36 Hours in Train

A passenger and the railwayman who had found the trains set out to seek help and made their way to the next station, and hours later managed to send a message to Newcastle.

Railway officials sought the aid of the military and in an hour and a half, the snowfall having stopped, a cavalcade of railway and army lorries laden with bread, pies, sausage rolls, cake, tea and a supply of goat's milk, set out to find and feed the lost thousand.

Six men rode with each lorry to clear the snow. Every quarter-mile they had to stop to dig their way through tremendous drifts. When they got within half a mile of the stranded trains they left the lorries to hew the remainder of the way.

Down this snow-walled road they carried the food to the starving passengers and milk for the children.

Some of the passengers were carried back on the return journey, but others had to stay on the trains until rescued by other lorries, spending in all thirty-six hours in the carriages.

Birds Hid In Buses

The Flying Scotsman, crack express, was snowbound for thirteen hours a few miles north of Newcastle, and reached Edinburgh the following afternoon — thirty hours late.

Two M.P.s—Mr. David Kirkwood and Mr. George Mathers—on a rail trip from London to Edinburgh, had to live on six biscuits each for a day and a half. The journey took fifty-five hours.

In Newcastle buses and trams were stranded in the streets for twenty-four hours as soldiers and roadmen struggled to clear the snow.

When the time came to move the buses and trams again the transportmen found that birds, exhausted by their struggle in the snow, had taken refuge in the vehicles and turned them into aviaries.

STANDARD-ANGLO- U.S. 'PLANES

United States officials have worked out details for the standardisation of aircraft equipment in both countries, Major Gen. Henry H. Arnold, United States Air Chief, said in a press conference.

The standardisation of equipment was made "so that when our airplanes come over they will be equally acceptable as the British," he said. "The two countries are not hiding anything from each other in the matter of aircraft equipment."

'PLANE FIRES ON CHILDREN

Cruising low over three East Coast villages, a Dornier "Flying Pencil" machine-gunned children, a district nurse and other women, as well as thatched cottages.

The children, on their way to school threw themselves into a roadside ditch when the raider opened fire.

The Dornier skimmed the hedgerows at an inland village and flew towards the coast.

Once it paused to circle and machine-gun a poultry farm. Then it paused at the height of a village church tower to send more bursts at a horse and cart on a road.

No one was hurt.

London Day Bombs

A few seconds after a London alert in the morning, an enemy plane flew over one district and dropped a stick of bombs which damaged a number of shops and houses.

Police Constable Welhams was killed while on patrol, and several people were injured by bombs.

An oil bomb and an H.E. bomb were dropped in a neighbouring area and caused damage to houses.

MY HAT! IT'S MURDER

My hat! said Louis Blane, a New York night watchman when a lorry ran over his straw hat.

Louis never forgave the lorry driver, Joseph Libozetta and now, nearly a year after the loss of the hat, he shot him.

So Louis is in gaol awaiting trial for murder.

SALMON, CHAMPAGNE, HAD 1s. 1d.

What is your excuse for ordering salmon and champagne when you had only 1s. 1d. in your pocket?

When I looked at the menu I thought I might as well have a spread. I should have looked ridiculous to have walked out after having sat down.

This little dialogue between magistrate and accused man took place in Westminster Police Court when Frederick Griggs, twenty-nine, unemployed munition worker, of Glenview Road, Abbey Wood London, was remanded in custody on a charge of incurring a debt of 18s. 6d. at the Grosvenor Hotel Restaurant, Victoria, by false pretences. Griggs pleaded not guilty.

A waiter at the restaurant said that late at night Griggs ordered boiled salmon and a half-bottle of champagne. When handed the bill he asked for a double rum, but it was then too late. Eventually he said he had no money, and wished to give his name and address.

Griggs: I tried three places before going to the Grosvenor, but they were all shutting up, and I thought the were trying to bar me from coming in. I saw the Grosvenor was open, and went in. I had more than I could pay for.

THE WITCHES ARE AFTER OLD ADOLF

SOLEMN EFFORTS to destroy Hitler by witchcraft are being made nightly by a group of men and women in Washington, District of Columbia. These people, all believers in the power of sorcery, sit in a ring round a small cushion image of Hitler, sticking pins, needles and nails into it.

At the same time they chant the following dreadful incantation—

"Istun, come and help us, we are driving nails and needles, We are driving pins and needles into Adolf Hitler's heart."

"We are driving nails and needles, we are driving pins and needles."

"Cats will claw his heart in darkness, dogs will bite it in the night."

Leader of the group is Mr. Richard Tupper, who says that its women members make the best witches.

Blood-Curdling

"They rasp out incantations that curdle your blood as they

stick things into the doll's vitals," he said.

The ritual of the anti-Hitler sessions was planned on the recommendation of William Seabrook, of New York, world authority on witchcraft.

Mr. Seabrook says that if Hitler hears about them he may worry himself into a bad spell, and perhaps into the grave.

The history of witchcraft, he adds, records many cases of people being ruined by the knowledge of attempts to cast a spell on them.

And Mr. Tupper hopes that thousands of people all over the world will form similar witchcraft circles with the great ideal of casting the worst possible spell on Adolf.

CHINA MAIL
WINDSOR HOUSE

NOTHING OR EVERYTHING?

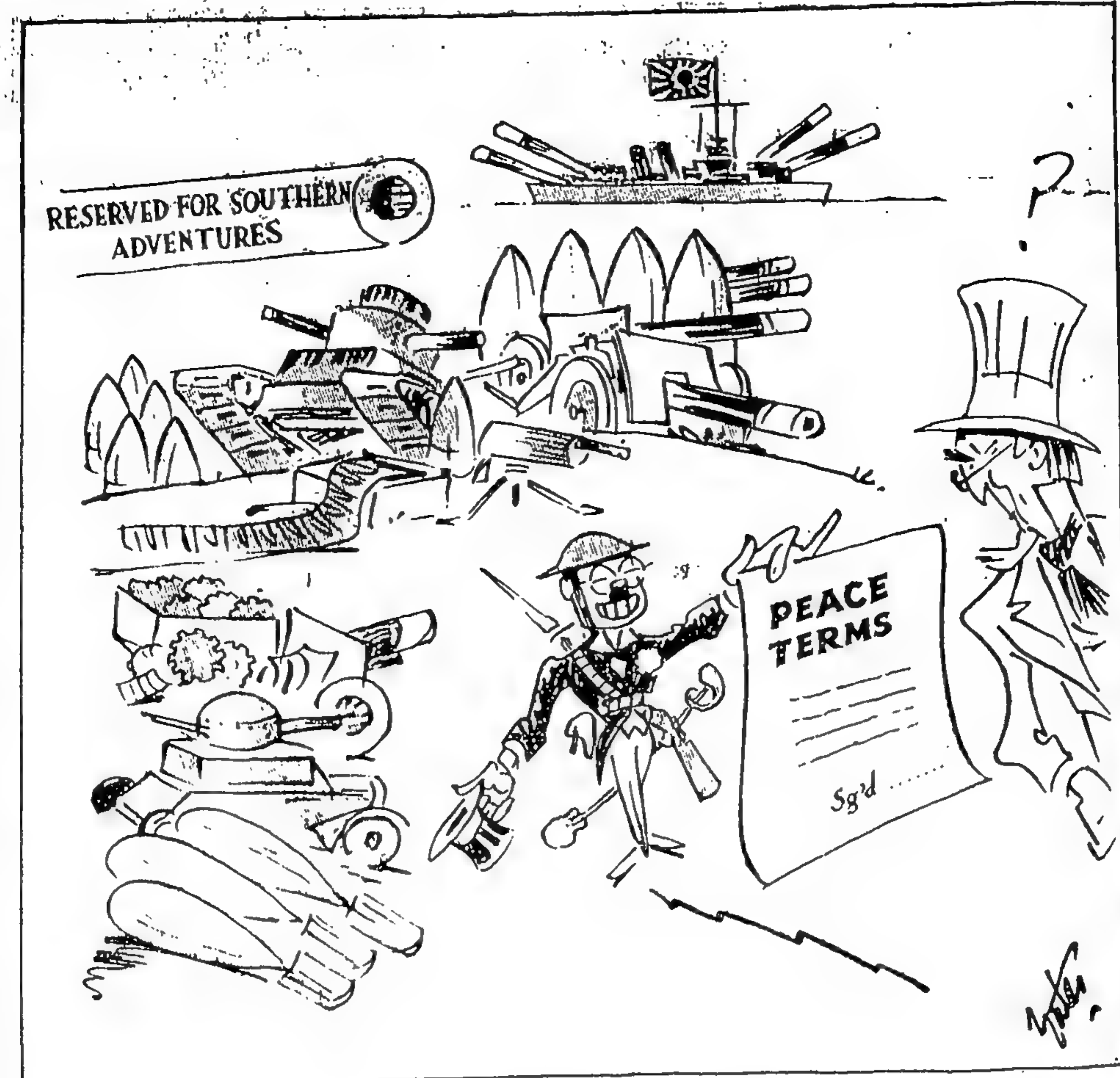
"Germany demanded nothing of England and France." Once again Hitler has stressed this point. It apparently mystifies him that these two countries should have declared war on the Third Reich. He speaks as if he cannot understand such a situation. It is possible he cannot. That may be why he refers to it so often in an attempt to justify the Nazi position.

Herr Hitler speaks of Poland. It was not Poland that was so important to Britain, but a stable international society in which all nations, larger and smaller than Poland, could live in security. Poland was the final line drawn by the British after the trial of Nazi good faith in Czechoslovakia had brought disillusionment.

As a matter of strategy, the drawing of the line in Poland was not attractive. It was drawn there because public opinion in Britain would not wait until after another retreat to make a stand against aggression. So far from "thrusting Poland forward," as Herr Hitler charges British leaders with doing, Britain showed that she would have welcomed a peaceful settlement of the German claims against Poland if this could have been achieved by anything approaching real negotiation.

Statements that "Germany demanded nothing of England" must be meant for German ears alone. They do not help Nazi propaganda among free peoples. In fact, the statement that "Germany demanded nothing of England" is one answer to fence-sitters in the United States or elsewhere who suspect Britain of fighting "another imperialist war." Had Britain been content with the sort of Europe Nazism was aiming at, it need not have feared Nazi demands, according to Herr Hitler himself.

Then why is Britain fighting? For the same reason, evidently, that the United States is aiding Britain's fight. The position of neither of these countries is taken wholly in a spirit of self-sacrificing altruism. But both have developed a view of their own self-interest that inevitably includes the self-interest of other nations as well. Both are opposing Nazism because they are not sure they could exist as free nations



THE NEW PACIFICISM

Fleet Seeks The Enemy

We had sailed from our base on a winter's evening—capital ships, cruisers and destroyers. The sky was grey and lowering, and the weather forecast none too good.

Soon after moving out to sea through the narrow entrance in the boom, one felt the ship curtseying to the first of the swell. The wind freshened and the sea increased as we drew out from under the lee of the land. Heavy spray, soon to be succeeded by occasional green seas, came surging over the forecabin to deluge the foremost gun turrets. The great ship started to pitch slightly, to roll a little.

An hour or two later the clouds had started to disperse. Through the masses of frayed out cirrus driving overhead a bright moon and clusters of stars shone down upon us.

The visibility was good when the moon was clear in the sky, and a few cables away I watched the black shape of a destroyer, sharply silhouetted against a heaving, silvery sea, plunging like a maddened thing.

The seas cascaded over her forecabin as she dipped her bows under. Sheets of shining, iridescent spray swept high over her bridge and funnel tops. It was beautiful to watch; but supremely uncomfortable for her. Few on board that little ship can have slept during the wildness of the night.

I remembered that this must be only one of the hundreds of such nights she had spent at sea since this war began. Destroyers

of free peoples in the kind of world Nazism would create. When Mr. Churchill and President Roosevelt speak of fighting for the rights of small nations they are talking of a cold fact, not of a warm wish. The kind of world America and Britain need is the kind of world in which small as well as large nations will be safe.

By "Taffrail"

Just back from a spell with the Home Fleet.

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Ready To Meet The Foe

There was little real sleep on board our ship. Most of our armament was manned and ready for instant action. In spite of our deep movement, a few shrouded figures dozed beside their guns, while their fellows, connected by telephone to the control positions, remained alert and wakeful.

High up on the bridge, more filled with complicated instruments than any telephone exchange, officers and lookout men kept their ceaseless watch, sweeping the horizon with their glasses. In a brilliantly lit room nearby, with every chink of light rigorously excluded, more officers bent over a chart, marking down this and that. Messages came flickering through the ether to the wireless cabinets, to be translated into language of significant purport.

In the engine, boiler and auxiliary machinery rooms more men drove the ship through the gradually rising sea. In a score of different places in the ship, in the bakery and galley, men went about their business. Passing through the darkened messdecks on my way forward I saw no more than a few oilskinned or duffcoated figures stretched uneasily out on the deck or the mess-stools.

Bugle calls and orders coming through the loudspeakers heralded the changing of the watches at midnight and 4 a.m. Overhead the wind howled and the seas came crashing over the forecabin. The long night moved slowly on.

The smell of breakfast pervaded the ship an hour before dawn. The meal was finished before the first pale gleams of wintry light came filtering through the clouds on the eastern horizon. We assumed the "first defence of readiness", the naval counterpart of standing

to arms. We had hoped; but were disappointed. Full daylight came to reveal a horizon, barren except for our own ships.

Continual Guard Against Air Attack

Visibility was extreme, with a sky heavily dappled with cloud. While some of our crew were allowed to leave their action stations the anti-aircraft armament remained almost wholly manned. We were not out of range of enemy bombers or reconnaissance planes.

It still blew half-a-gale, with a heavy, breaking swell rolling down from the horizon.

The weather faces of the swells were all furred and ruffled by the wind; their slopes streaked and patterned with a delicate network of yeasty white. The ships, particularly the destroyers, rolled and pitched and tumbled as they drove to windward. Breakfast, with daylight and full visibility, had all brought comfort. Yet a sense of disappointment remained.

We had hoped, with all the fervour we possessed, that daylight might bring the welcome sight of enemy masts and funnels silhouetted against the pale sky over the horizon. But it was not to be.

I was glad to have the chance of seeing something of the work of the Home Fleet at sea, for it is playing a most important part in the war.

What particularly struck me was the great keenness and cheerfulness of the officers—and men—who are having a tough time with plenty of work at sea, in one of the most inhospitable areas in the world.

I met some who had not set foot out of their ships for six and eight months. Yet I never heard a grumble, though not a few were a little jealous because their comrades in the Mediterranean were having all the fun. They were all so intensely keen to come to grips with the enemy.

My chief impressions were those of silent watchfulness, and each man doing his job.

The vigilance and readiness of the fleet were borne in upon me, again and again, and I was at sea in three different ships—a destroyer, a cruiser, and a battleship. Some day that eternal vigilance must be rewarded.

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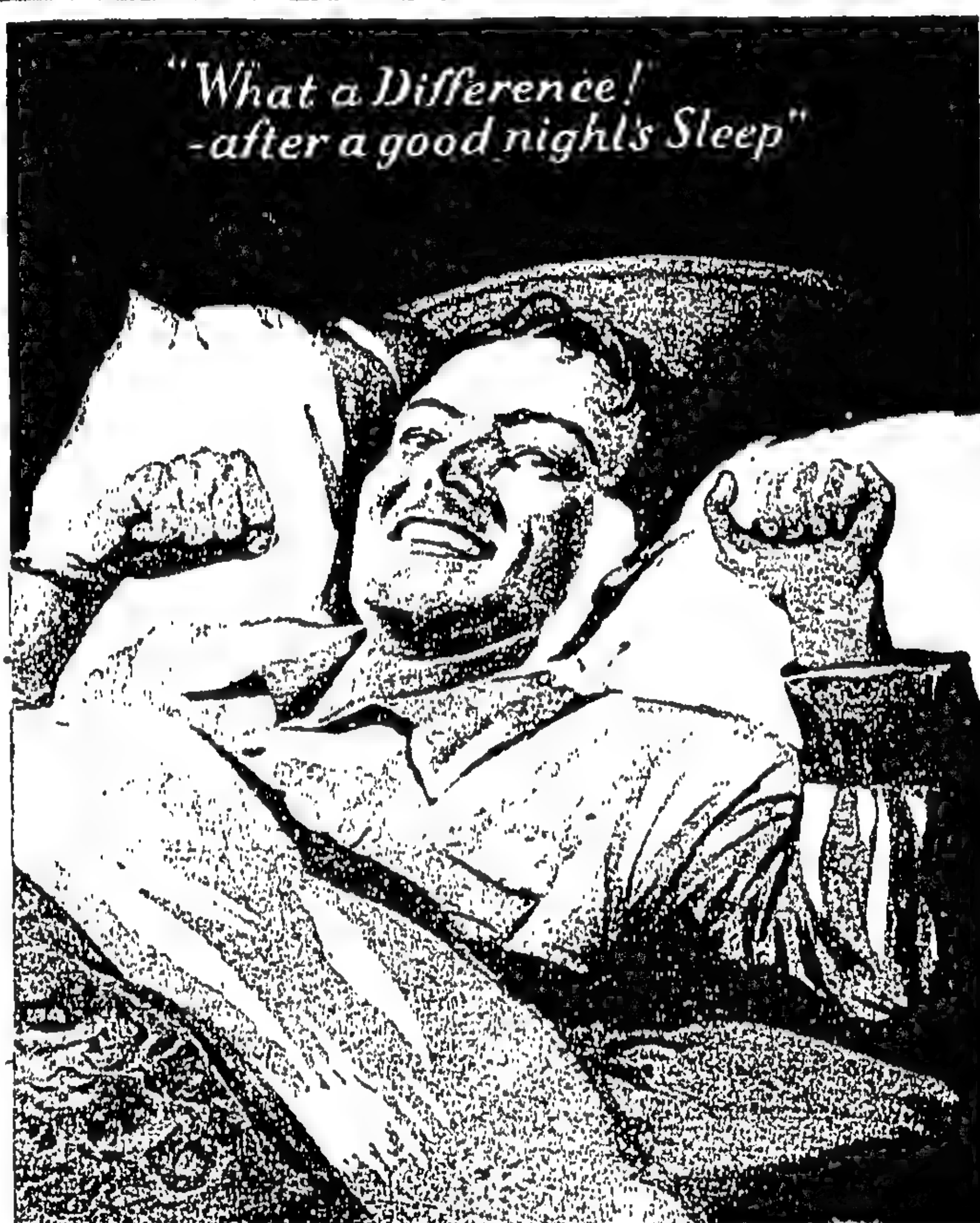


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BROTHERHOOD OF ALLY AIR FORCES

(By Wing Commander L. V. Fraser)
SKILLED PILOTS and mechanics from occupied European countries have made their way to Britain in large numbers, and are still arriving. They include men from Poland, Czechoslovakia, Norway, Holland, Belgium and France. They are working and flying side by side with Britons, of their own free will in ever increasing numbers. Not the least of the handicaps they have had to overcome has been that of language, but they are now operating as an integral part of the R.A.F.

Well trained in their own countries, their methods differed from those of the R.A.F. in varying degrees. Essential co-ordination was achieved by intensive training, and although efficient absorption was difficult, it has been accomplished.

The first task was to give all the foreign airmen a working knowledge of operational English, and they received scientifically presented instruction. By easy but rapid stages proficiency was built up, and with the help of gramophone records and social contacts they were able to "learn by doing."

Many of the Polish airmen had fought in France, and were quickly brought together in fighter squadrons. Later some were transferred to the bombers and army co-operation aircraft. Many were engaged in target towing and in ferrying aeroplanes. In addition to forming their own squadrons, large numbers were taken into British squadrons once the language difficulty had been overcome.

New Schools Opened

During the winter new schools and units came into being, and are going ahead with the passing out of trained personnel at the right speed to fill vacancies when they occur. There is also a field for recruiting among Poles overseas. Czechs are in a similar position.

Members of the Czech air force escaped at great risk to themselves, often under the very noses of the Gestapo. Although their country was under the heel of the Nazis, they fashioned their own organization for escape. Pilots and mechanics found their way first to France and later to Britain.

Members of the Dutch air force are now serving in their own unit with the coastal command of the R.A.F. Belgian fighter pilots are in the course of organization. Their training was largely along the lines adopted by the R.A.F., and many were accustomed to flying Hurricanes, which they used in their own country. They mix easily and well with British pilots and ground crews.

Free Frenchmen continue to arrive in Britain from all parts of the world. They have been doing fine service in this part of the world.

Problems Overcome

The early problems of administration have been solved. Pay provision for dependents, and the preservation of national unity have all been considered and dealt with. The result is a keen and powerful force of allied airmen operating with the R.A.F. Every man's memory is a personal incentive to action against the Germans.

Their escapes were often narrow, and always audacious. A Norwegian flew a Heinkel aircraft from a German occupied aerodrome and brought it to Britain.

Some Free Frenchmen commandeered aircraft belonging to the armistice commission in North Africa and flew them to the other side of the Mediterranean, ultimately making their way to Britain.

Czechs tried every means to get away from their country. Some were successful, but others were caught and suffered death or imprisonment. To-day they are adding to the toll they have already taken of their enemy. One Polish squadron recently brought down 120 German aircraft in a short series of battles. Another drove into a formation of sixty bombers, shooting down four.

Czech pilots escaped from their homes and fought with the Lafayette and Cigogne squadrons in France. They destroyed 140 German planes in six weeks dur-

ing the Battle of France. In the London area one of eight Czech squadrons accounted for 37 enemy aircraft in a month.

Everywhere the fierce patriotism and courage of the allied air forces are shown in the battle with the Nazis. They are united in one service. They fight with one object—freedom for their own and all other countries.

ARCTIC MALADY FOR NAZIS

HUNDREDS OF GERMAN TROOPS STATIONED IN NORTHERN NORWAY ARE BEING INVALIDED HOME WITH THE MYSTERIOUS ARCTIC MALADY KNOWN AS "LAPPON DISEASE."

The Military Psychiatric Institute in Berlin, it was announced, is trying to find a way to protect soldiers from the illness which takes the form of severe nervous breakdown followed by complete lethargy, resembling sleeping sickness.

It is believed to be caused by the long Arctic night, lack of vitamins, solitude and boredom, and it sometimes leads to violent lunacy.

It seems that the morale of German soldiers in the occupied countries is becoming so seriously affected by inactivity that Hitler has ordered the expenditure of millions of pounds on German "soldiers' homes," to be established everywhere between the "North Cape and the Bay of Biscay."

The first twelve "homes" are to be built in northern Norway.

QUISLING ON A PEDESTAL

Quisling who betrayed his country to the Nazis, is preparing to erect a statue of himself in Oslo, according to reports received by the Norwegian Consul-General in Montreal.

REBUKE FOR M.P. BY HOME SECRETARY

MRS. TATE, Conservative M.P. for Frome, Somerset, was sternly rebuked by the Home Secretary in the House of Commons when she made espionage allegations against a Czech servant girl.

Mrs. Tate asked if it were not true that the girl, Sophie Spellman, was employed in officers' billets, that she was engaged to a Nazi officer, and that she had expressed a desire to engage in espionage work for the Nazi Government.

Amid loud cheers and cries of "Scandalous," the Home Secretary retorted sternly.

"I think if Mrs. Tate had that information in her possession she should have given it privately."

"I will take note of the allegations, but it would be more useful if members having information against people should convey it privately, instead of blowing the whole thing up in public."

Prague "Training"

Mrs. Tate had previously alleged

BED CURLERS IN COLOURS

Multi-coloured ribbons are the latest going-to-bed feminine fashion.

Shortage of metal curlers is the cause of it. Most of the shops are sold out of pre-war stocks and it looks as if there will be no more metal curlers until after the war.

Ribbon-curlers are the rage in many A.T.S. camps. They are more attractive than strips of rag and girls are wearing them in mixed shades, patch-work style.

"Some of the girls have ribbons and silks to match their nighties, pyjamas and dressing gowns," an A.T.S. girl said.

America Will Come In

"America will come into the war," said General Smuts, the South African Premier, in the Senate yesterday, "not as a result of propaganda but because her people feel that she should participate."

"NO NATION WHICH THINKS OF THE FUTURE CAN REMAIN OUT OF THE WAR."

Stressing his belief in future cooperation between nations, General Smuts said "I don't see any one nation playing top dog over all the rest."

The day must surely come, he said, when America, Great Britain and the Commonwealth of Nations must be very much closer than in the past.

He blamed the spirit of competition among nations and the desire of one nation to play overlord for "the present catastrophic happenings." — Reuter.

that Sophie Spellman came to Britain in 1938, posing as a Czech refugee, having been sent from Berlin to Prague for three months especially to qualify as such.

The Home Secretary said that a girl of this name, now aged seventeen and a half, came to Britain in June, 1939, under the care of the British Committee for Refugees, but he knew of no grounds for suggesting that she posed as a Czech.

She was originally classified as German, and when she came before the Tribunal examining Germans she was placed in Category C.

Subsequently it was ascertained that she had a Czech passport, and she was registered as being of Czech nationality.

HITLER'S INACCURATE FIGURES ON GREECE

ALTHOUGH IT IS GENERALLY AGREED THAT HITLER'S LATEST SPEECH TO THE REICHSTAG WAS DEFINITELY CONCOCTED FOR GERMAN CONSUMPTION SOME SURPRISE IS EXPRESSED THAT A MAN CLAIMING TO BE SUCH AN INVINCIBLE CONQUEROR SHOULD FEEL IT NECESSARY TO DISTORT FIGURES TO SUPPORT HIS CASE.

Information available in London proves that the figures he gave of German troops employed in the campaign are quite inaccurate and a certain suspicion attaches to his extremely low estimate of German losses — losses which might have been admitted at a higher and possibly more truthful figure without danger to prestige.

It is a revealing fact that his claim to have sunk or damaged over 200 British ships during the Greek campaign is carefully omitted from the version of the speech in English.

One of the widest general distortions is Hitler's claim that Germany has been the largest purchaser in Balkan markets and had paid for products with the labour of the industrial workers of Germany and not with foreign exchange.

Bitter Complaints

It is well known that even before the war Balkan countries were complaining bitterly of useless goods Germany was dumping upon them in exchange for their own useful commodities.

Many small shops in a Balkan town have been stocked with high grade cameras and microscopes of German make which were quite unsellable but were all the return to be gained out of trade pacts.

In different vein were Hitler's tributes to his ally. Mussolini must have rejoiced at receiving congratulations on the Italian army having "weakened" the Greek army after six months fighting.

"Delighted"

The Duce must have been even more delighted, as junior partner in the Axis, to hear from his generous senior partner that his "setback" in Africa — in which he lost his Libyan army — was due to the technical inferiority of the anti-tank defences and of the tanks themselves.

Most significant of all was, however, Hitler's claim that next year the German soldier will get even better arms.

This reference to the future, together with Hitler's call for more women industrial workers and for the taking of necessary measures "with Nazi determination and thoroughness" to harness the entire labour power of the nation to the most gigantic armament process in history, is in ironic conflict with Hitler's own New Year promise to the German people of a speedy victory during the present year. — British Wireless.

CONCHIE—OBJECTED TO UNDRESSING

QUOTING THE SCRIPTURES THAT IT WAS IMPROPER TO BE SEEN NAKED, A CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTOR, RONALD JOHN BROWN, OF MANOR FARM, CORSCOMBE, DORSET, REFUSED TO STRIP AT A MEDICAL EXAMINATION.

Summoned at Bristol Police Court for failing to submit himself for medical examination when liable for national service, he was fined 10s. The chairman told him he would be taken by a policeman to have his examination.

Brown told the Court: "I consider it wrong to be stripped and I gave my reasons to the medical examiners."

QUEEN WILHELMINA TO BROADCAST

Queen Wilhelmina is to broadcast in the Radio Orange programme at 6.45 p.m. (G.M.T.) in the evening transmission of the B.B.C.'s European service on Saturday, May 10, says Reuter from London.

HAILE SELASSIE'S RETURN

THE FORTHCOMING RE-ENTRY OF EMPEROR HAILE SELASSIE INTO ADDIS ABABA, IN ANTICIPATION OF WHICH THE ETHIOPIAN CAPITAL IS BEING DECORATED AND DIGNITARIES ARE CROWDING IN, IS AROUSING THE DEEPEST ENTHUSIASM AMONG THE LOCAL POPULATION. REPORTS OF WHICH ARE RECEIVED BY THE BRITISH PEOPLE WITH GREAT SYMPATHY.

"The Times" draws attention to the significance of these events to the rest of Africa. Africans everywhere have had their faith restored in Britain as the champion of justice for African peoples.

Politically and economically the assistance which Britain is able to render to the development of restored Abyssinia will serve as the touchstone of British policy in the future development of Colonial Africa. — British Wireless.

INTERNEED PILOTS ESCAPE

By Reuter's Special Correspondent

After escaping from internment in Djibouti, Somaliland, three members of the R.A.F., six South Africans and two Greeks, eager to join the Greek forces, have arrived in British Somaliland.

The R.A.F. men landed in French territory when they ran short of fuel on their way back from a raid. They made the landing in darkness and miraculously escaped when one remaining bomb in the rack exploded.

They were imprisoned and later sent to Djibouti.

The South Africans similarly made a forced landing in French territory, believing themselves in British territory, and they also were sent to Djibouti.

Rejoin Formations

Their escape was well planned and after crossing the border two of the men left the others and crossed overland to Zeila against a blustering wind, which whipped salt sand in their eyes and faces.

At Zeila they were able to arrange for a dhow to be sent to fetch the others and they have all now rejoined their formations. — Reuter.

IRAQ GESTURE

Iraq is reported to have decided to resume diplomatic relations with Germany, says the Vichy news agency quoted by Reuter.

ENEMY SHIPS HARRIED FROM NORWAY TO FRANCE

AIRCRAFT OF THE Coastal Command took advantage of moonlight on Sunday night to harry the enemy from Norway to the coast of Brittany, states the Air Ministry news service.

A German supply ship of 3,000 tons, anchoring in the Skagerrak in convoy, was bombed and hit a few minutes after midnight by a Blenheim, the pilot of which made three runs over the target. Clouds of black smoke belched from the ship's bows.

Other Blenheims on the same patrol straddled a second supply ship with bombs and attacked docks at Egersund, in southern Norway.

The gunner of a Blenheim which reconnoitred Stavanger shot out three troublesome searchlights. Blenheims also bombed Querqueville aerodrome, near Cherbourg, and hit barracks.

Another Coastal Command squadron attacked docks at St. Nazaire, on the Breton coast. In a few minutes there was a great rectangle of fire in the naval base. Incoming pilots saw series of explosions and added their own bomb load to the havoc.

Dive Attack

One of the aircraft attacking Brest made a dive attack on a Nazi battle-cruiser, going down from 4,000 to 2,000 feet before he pulled out and dropped his bombs. The attack was concentrated rather than prolonged. It began shortly before midnight but in the two hours that followed great

damage was done not only in the neighbourhood of the battle cruisers but among docks and quayside buildings on both sides of the harbour mouth.

Large Prize

Columns of smoke and the red glare of fires were left behind.

Among other aircraft operating further north one had a successful encounter with an enemy vessel.

The pilot was about to attack two small boats off Antwerp when in the moonlight he saw a larger prize. He circled round to find a supply ship of 1,500 tons.

The pilot said: "I came down to about 20 feet above the bridge of the ship and we let go our bombs. I thought we had missed."

Then a searchlight from the shore suddenly obliged us. In its beam we could see columns of thick smoke going up from the ship to above 500 feet. There was then no doubt we had scored a direct hit." — British Wireless.

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BRIDGE NOTES

COUNTING THE HAND

By The Four Aces

Ingenious play together with good counting enabled South to make his contract:

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♠ A 4 3
♥ K 7 6
♦ A J 3 2
♣ Q 6 4

♠ 8 7 2
♥ Q
♦ Q 8 7 6
♣ A J 9 7

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♠ 10 9
♥ A J 10 9
♦ 8 4 3 2
♣ 9 6 2

♠ K Q J 6 5
♥ 5
♦ K 10 4
♣ K 10 8 3

The bidding:
North East South West
1♠ 3♥ 3♠ Pass
4♠ Pass Pass Pass

West opened the Queen of hearts, and was allowed to hold the trick. He shifted to a trump, and South drew three rounds of the suit. The bidding and West's shift from hearts indicated that East had an eight-card heart suit; and since East had already played two trumps, it was clear that he had started with only three cards in the minor suits.

Declarer therefore decided to play West for the diamond Queen, and laid down the King of diamonds, followed by the ten. West covered the ten of diamonds with the Queen, and dummy won with the Ace. When East followed to one round of diamonds, South could be sure that the clubs would break 4-2. There was therefore some danger of losing three club tricks in addition to the heart already lost.

After some thought, South returned a heart from the dummy and ruffed in his own hand. And West could not find a safe discard. If he discarded a club, South could safely tackle that suit and lose only two club tricks. So West discarded a diamond.

Thereupon, South led a diamond to dummy's Jack and returned a diamond, discarding a club from his own hand. West had to win and return clubs, so that South lost only one club trick.

Yesterday you were Oswald Jacoby's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ 10 7
♥ A 9
♦ Q 10 5 3
♣ A Q J 7 4

The bidding:
Maler Jacoby Schenken You
1♥ 1♠ Pass 2♣
2♦ 3♣ Pass (?)

ANSWER: Bid three no-trump. If your partner's strength is largely distributional, he will take you back to clubs; and if he has high-card strength, he will leave you in the easier no-trump contract.

Score 100% for three no-trump, 50% for five clubs, 30% for four clubs.

Question No. 708

To-day you hold the same hand, and the bidding continues:

Maler Jacoby Schenken You
1♥ 1♠ Pass 2♣
2♦ 3♣ Pass 3NT (?)
Dbl. Pass Pass (?)

What do you bid? (Answer To-morrow.)

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about it.

Her death was a shock to her unit. All the members attended her funeral.

Lady Moore was on a brief visit to the house. The owner, an R.A.M.C. officer, was called out on duty shortly before the bomb fell.

A man confined to bed with flu in an upper room escaped.

Mrs. Parley was an ambulance driver too.

BANK IS A SUPER HOTEL

(By A Special Correspondent)

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GIRL FOUND JOB TO FORGET

(BY A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT)

Soon after her airman-husband was killed at Narvik, a grief-stricken girl left England for her native land, Australia.

But she returned, said to an officer of the Mechanised Transport Corps: "Please give me plenty of work to help me to forget."

And Mrs. Mollie Orton became an ambulance driver. She worked hard and was one of twelve volunteers for service in Greece.

But when the Duchess of Kent inspected the Greek unit, Mrs. Orton was not there.

It was not until later that the corps learned that she had been killed by a bomb the night before. She was twenty-six.

With her died two of her friends—Lady Moore, widow of Sir John Moore, Director of the Army Veterinary Service in the last war, and Lady Moore's youngest daughter, Mrs. Patricia Parley.

Keen And Courageous

Their deaths were announced. Lady Moore's housekeeper, Mrs. Rebecca Henry, was also killed in the house, which was demolished by the bomb.

"Mrs. Orton had a cheerful personality and was popular with her unit," Miss Alison Tennant, Lady Oxford's niece, who is in charge of the Greek unit, told me.

"She was keen on her work and was a courageous woman. Her husband's death was a great blow to her, but she did not brood over it."

"She was quite willing to talk

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"We are trying to give our employees who stay on the premises something as near home life as it is possible to provide in an office," the staff manager of the bank told me.

"To house them and feed them is hardly enough. Beds are provided free and meals are charged at cost, but we also had to provide recreation and amusement for the evenings."

Week's Programme

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"On Tuesday, most of the staff went round the corner to another bank's dance—they have their own staff band.

"Wednesday night is movie night. This week we have a Jessie Matthews talkie and a full two-hour programme.

"Another dance on Thursday night and a table-tennis tournament on Friday.

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a physician should therefore be consulted without delay if you have the misfortune to be bitten by a dog.

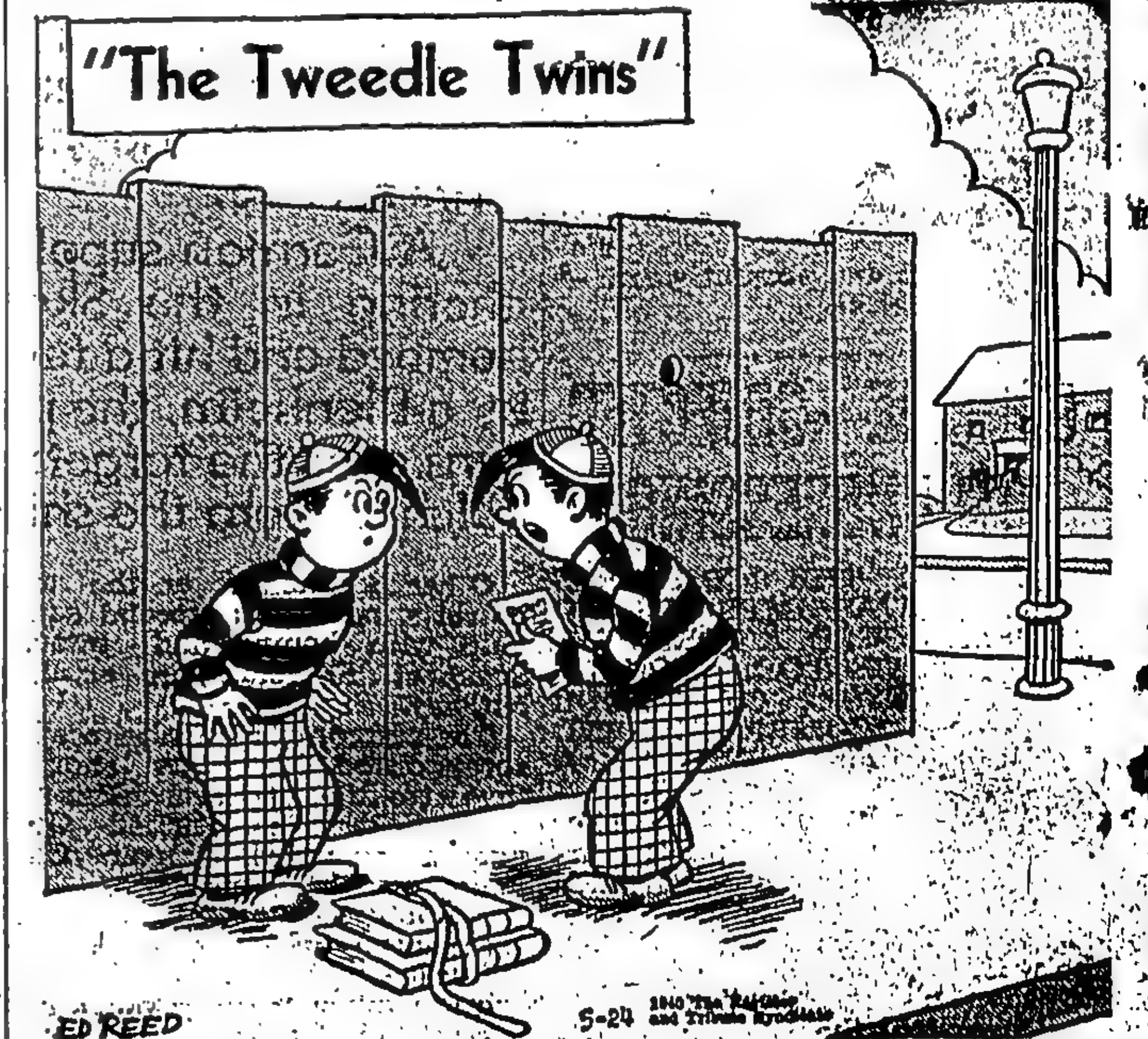
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OFF THE RECORD

By ED REED



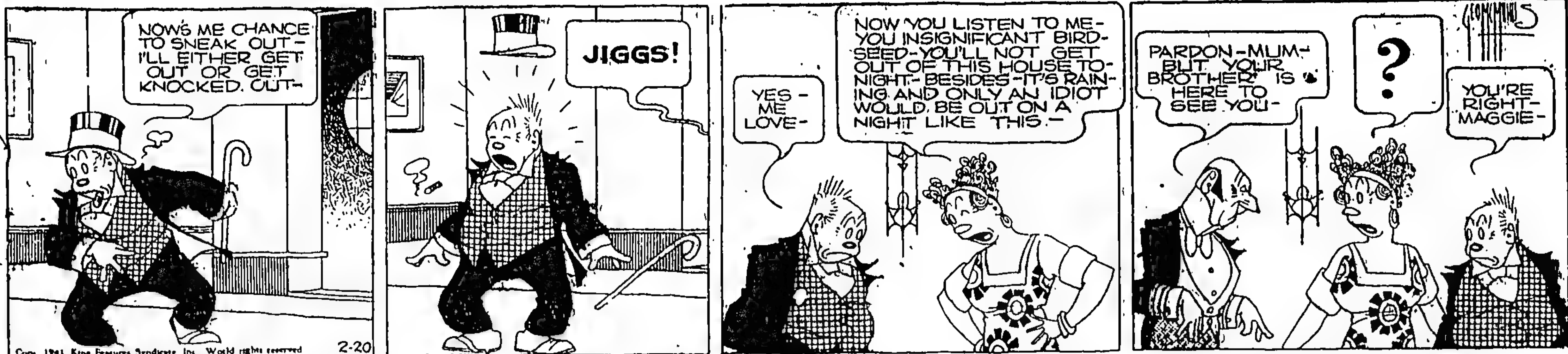
"It was swell, your going mornings and me afternoons—but how like we going to explain 'only one report card'?"

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Bringing Up Father.

By George MacManus



A PAGE FOR WOMEN For Spring Fillip

The very next time you are blue and a bit disgruntled with yourself, take an hour and devote it to grooming. Begin by rubbing a lovely perfumed oil all over your skin before you take a nice warm shower. Enough of the fragrance and oil will remain on your skin after you are dry.

The next step is to use a body sachet of the same fragrance as the oil. You rub this scented powder all over you and the warmth of your freshly bathed skin will bring out the latent perfume and envelope you in the most fascinating of fragrances.

Such a skin perfuming will no doubt inspire you to brush and comb your hair into the prettiest of arrangements and then you will glance at your nails and realize that a fresh manicure will make your fingers look ever so much more beautiful.

That brings us right to the point of painting a pretty face. You might like to experiment with that junior make-up kit which recently made its debut on your cosmetic counter. It contains three shades of powder base (you'll use all three before the summer has ended), two eye-shadow colours, two shades of mascara, a rouge and a lipstick, and two little brushes to help you with your art! Who knows but what ten minutes will make you into a fascinating siren instead of a dejected, disgruntled female.

The Final Step

Nothing puts self-confidence into a woman quicker than a new hat. It is not too early to shop for one and it is an especially good time to buy one when you are groomed to the last step. Slip into the suit or coat you like the best, spray (just for luck) your most favourite perfume on your lapels and hair, and start out determined to get yourself a bonnet which will do something for you. Don't buy just another hat — shop until you find the hat — one that will make every female friend you have exclaim with envy. It may cost a dollar ninety-eight or it may cost lots more — the price doesn't matter. It is how it looks on you that is important. If you take a perky, nicely fashioned face to the shop the chances are you will get better service from the clerk and you will adore that bonnet until it is too shabby to wear.

So begone with you — there is use in indulging in the blues!

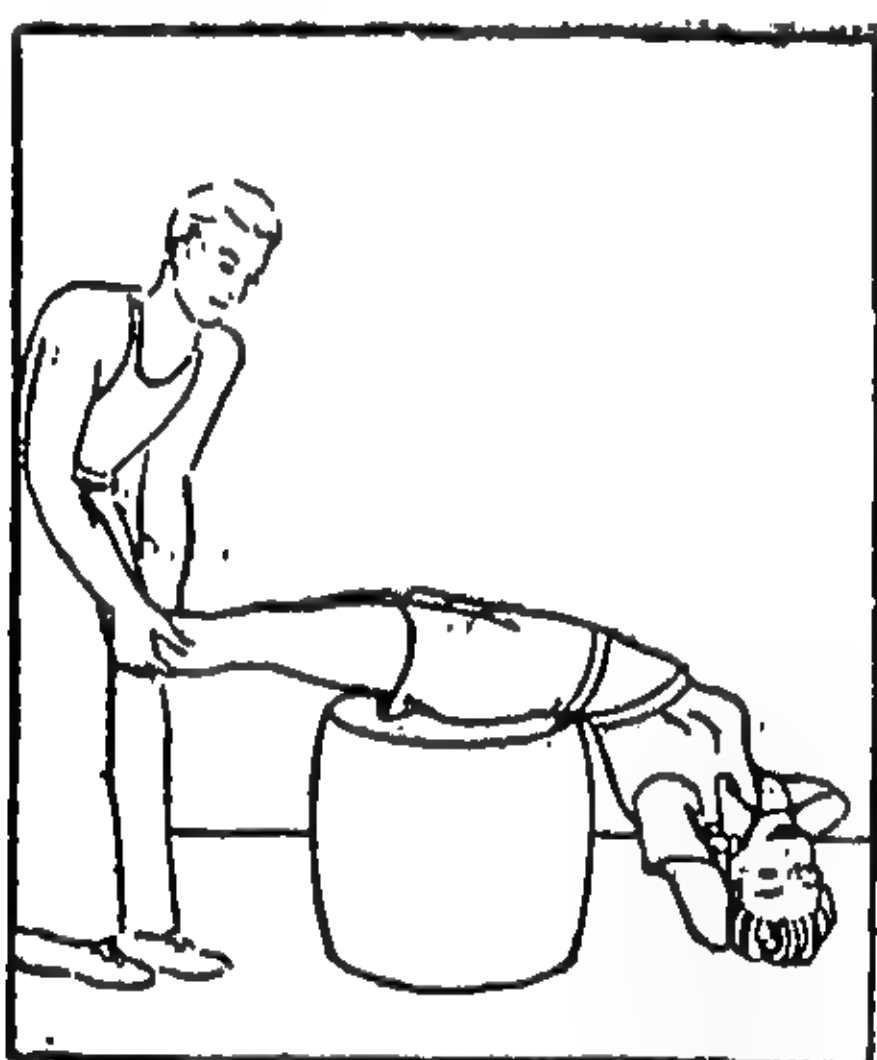


The mentally sketchy girl-friend thinks when her beau says life is a sketchy proposition, she's decided to join an art class.



Ten minutes before your mirror with a supply of fascinating make-up aids can make you a new beauty!

Thickened Waistline



Once you let your waistline grow thick you are bound to lose grace of movement and figure beauty. A woman's waist is fashioned by nature to be slim — it is mostly all muscle. It divides her body in two so she may have the utmost freedom of movement to bend forward or backward, to twist, to relax.

As we enter middle-age the waistline is bound to increase slightly in measurement but one should never allow it to increase so that it is the biggest measurement. Even giving birth to several children is not sufficient reason in these enlightened days for the "corporations" one sees on many mature women. Post-pregnancy exercises which most physicians urge women to take, should restore normal proportions to one's figures.

Most women develop thick waistline through a stupid habit — that of resting the upper part of the body on the stomach or abdomen. Sit in a chair when you are not wearing a girdle or a corset and let your upper body slump down. Place a hand on your waistline after you have slumped. Then pull in your abdomen and raise the upper part of your body by straightening your shoulders and throwing your head back — you will feel your waistline slim inches!

Form A Habit

Now it is just as easy to form a good habit as it is to form a

bad habit. Sitting on your stomach is a bad habit. Consciously form a habit of holding your stomach in and your shoulders back. Thus those all important waistline muscles will be gradually firmed and you will not have the desire to slump when you walk or sit.

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Then slowly raise your head and shoulders to the position shown in Figure 1.

Part II

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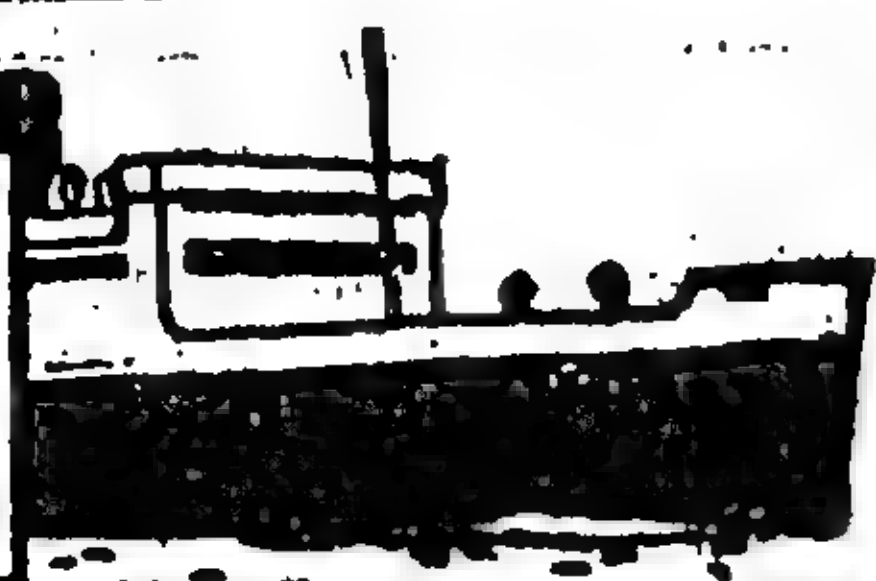
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12.15 p.m.—Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 p.m.—George Scott Wood and His Accordion Band.

Hill Medley—Intro.: Roses in December; Nice work if you can get it; Harlem Bolero; You took the words right out of my heart; The girl in the Alice Blue gown; On Linger Longer Island... George Scott Wood & his Accordion Band. Ah! Sweet Mystery of Life (Herbert)... George Scott Wood (piano-accordion) with Vocal Refrain. Kitten on the Keys (Confrey); Dainty Debutante (Scott-Wood)... George Scott Wood & his Accordion Band.

12.45 p.m.—Sea Shanties by John Goss and The Cathedral Male Quartet.

(a) A Dollar and a half a day; (b) The hog's eye man (arr. Terry). (a) One more Day; (b) On the banks of Sacramento (arr. Harris). (a) Haul away, Joe; (b) What shall we do with the drunken sailors (arr. Terry). (a) Fire down below; (b) Hallelujah Balay (arr. Harris).

1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal.

1.01 p.m.—Light Orchestral Selections.

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1.30 p.m.—Rugby Press and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—Humorous and Vocal Variety.

Vocal—Little Village Green (Hackerforth, Strecker)... The Vagabond Lover (Tenor) with Instrumental Accompaniment. Comedienne—I Didn't Really Never Oughter 'Ave Went... Doris Hare. Vocal—All Too A Glass of Champagne (both from C. B. Cochran's Revue "Lights Up")... Evelyn Laye (Soprano) with Orchestra & Chorus. Comedians—Silly. Isn't It?—Intro.: "Mighty Lak a Rose" and "Smiling Through"... Bennett & Williams with Orchestra. Vocal—The St. Louis Blues (Handy); How'm I Doin'? (Fowler & Redman)... Aaron Sisters. Entertainer—The Tale of Hector Cramp—A Comedy "Ode" (Fletcher); Orange Peel—A Comedy "Ode" (Milton Hayes)... Cyril Fletcher.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

5.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 p.m.—Dance Music.

Fox-Trots—Jimmy Cricket; Three Cheers for Anything... Victor Young & his Orchestra with the Ken Darby Singers. Tangos—Granada; Apasionado... Juan Losas & his Tango Orchestra. Fox-Trots—Sweet Potato Piper; Too Romantic (both from film "The Road to Singapore")... Glenn Miller & his Orchestra with Vocal Refrain. Quick-Step—The Blackbird Hop; Fox-Trot—The Palais Stroll... Jack Harris & his Orchestra. Waltz—If I Should Fall in Love Again... Billy Cotton & his Band.

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

7.15 p.m.—London Relay—"Questions of the Hour".

7.30 p.m.—Portuguese Programme.

8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Announcements.

8.02 p.m.—A Programme of Hill Billy Music.

Hill Billy Medley—Intro.: The Last Round up; Will the Angels play their Harps for me; Home on the Range; Wagon Wheels; Ole Faithful; Roll along, Covered Wagon... Primo Scala's Accordion Band with Vocal Chorus. It Ain't Nobody's Biz'ness What I Do (Browne & others)—(a) Oh Susannah; (b) We'll Rest at the End of the Trail (Poulton and Rose)... The Rocky Mountaineers with Bunk House boys. The Prairie is my Home (from "Guns of the Pecos")... Dick Foran with Orchestra. (a) Underneath the Old Pine Tree; (b) The Trail of the Lonesome Pine... The Rocky Mountaineers with Bunk House Boys. Rollin' Plains (film "Rollin' Plains")... Big Bill Campbell & his Hill Billy Band. Riding the Range in the Sky (Harry Carlton); Twilight on the Trail (film "The Trail of the Lonesome Pine")... Winifred Thomas (Baritone) & The Good Companion.

8.32 p.m.—Albert Sandler and His Orchestra with Grace Moore (Soprano).

Masquerade (Loeb); I Want Your Heart (Haydn Wood)... Albert Sandler & his Orchestra. The Whistling Boy; Our Song (both from film "When You're in Love")... Grace Moore (Soprano) with Orchestra. Isn't it Romantic (Theme Song, "Love Me To-night"); Always in my Heart (Turk & Coats)... Albert Sandler & his Orchestra. Without Your Love (Operetta "The Dubarry")... Grace Moore (Soprano) & Richard Crooks (Tenor) with Orch. Souvenir D'Ukraine (Ferraris)... Albert Sandler & his Orchestra.

9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News & News Commentary.

9.15 p.m.—"The Hope of a New World" No. 2: "God and Freedom". Recorded talk by the Archbishop of York.

9.33 p.m.—Excerpts from Mozart's "The Magic Flute".

Hm, Hm, Hm! Der Arme Kann Von Strafe Sagen... E. Berger & A. Gern (Soprano), E. Ruzicka (Contralto), M. Hirtzel (Tenor), K. A. Neumann (Baritone), with the State Opera Orchestra. O Loveliest Beyond Compare... David Lloyd (Tenor) with Orchestra. Within These Sacred Walls... Ivar Andersen (Bass) with Orchestra.

9.45-10.00 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only).

9.45 p.m.—Glaxo—"Stenka Razin" Orchestra, of the Brussels

SAFE, THEY GIVE THANKS IN SONG

(By A Special Correspondent)

IN THE TINY CHAPELS in the Welsh hills around battered Swansea — where fires still smouldered after three successive nights of raids—women and children sang hymns of thanksgiving in their native tongue.

Before them lay pathetic heaps of pillows and blankets, all many of them could save from wrecked homes before setting out on the trek for safety.

These chapels are their homes for the time being.

When dawn came after a peaceful night, they tidied up their beds before the minister came to take the usual Sunday morning service.

Other people found sanctuary in the little holiday bungalow town on the cliffs at The Mumbles, the beauty spot at the other end of Swansea Bay.

But their menfolk and the young girls went to their jobs as usual.

He Lost Four

And bandaged victims went back to their homes to salvage what they could from the wreckage.

There were many tales of heroism in the town when all the members of the Swansea Town Council got back to their desks in the undamaged civic centre, around which are several bomb craters.

The Mayor (Councillor Thomas James) declared that no one should go hungry. There had been no panic—no fear.

"There is an unmistakable will on the part of Swansea people to get back to work and carry on in the Welshman's spirited way," he told a reporter.

One of the men setting that example was already at work in the civic centre—the chairman of the local A.R.P. committee, Mr. Percy Morris.

Air raids have robbed him of his wife, sister, brother-in-law and eighteen-year-old nephew, who was fire-watching during the blitz.

Despite his sorrow, he was one of the first officials back to his desk.

Royal Conservatoire conducted by Desire Defaux.

10.00 p.m.—A Schumann Programme. Carnaval—Ballet Music... London Ballet Orchestra conducted by Walter Goehr. Romance No. 1, Op. 94... Henri Temianka (Violin) with Piano. Toccata, Op. 7... Simon Barer (Piano). Romance No. 2, Op. 94... Henri Temianka (Violin) with Piano. The Almond Tree... Elsie—Siddaby (Soprano) with Piano. Dream Visions, Op. 12, No. 7... Vladimir Horowitz (Piano). The Lotus Flower... Beniamino Gigli (Tenor) with Orchestra. Symphony No. 1 in B Flat Major, Op. 38—1st Mov.: Andante—Allegro molto vivace—Allegro; 2nd Mov.: Larghetto; 3rd Mov.: Scherzo Molto vivace; 4th Mov.: Allegro animato e grazioso—Allegro... Chicago Symphony Orchestra conducted by Frederick Stock.

11.00 p.m.—Close down.

UNION SUES POLICE CHIEF

The allegations that Sir John Maxwell, Chief Constable of Manchester, dismissed a fireman because of a letter he wrote to his trade union secretary was made at Manchester County Court.

Counsel who made the allegation said that Sir John apparently had a complete dislike of anything connected with trade unions, and regarded a fireman who had any dealings with a trade union as a person who ought not to continue those activities. Such a man was liable to instant dismissal for such activities without any rights of redress.

The case was one in which the Fire Brigades' Union claimed the return of a letter and completed application forms for membership of the union, and damages for their wrongful detention.

Judgment was given against the Chief Constable, who was ordered to return the forms, but not the letter. Damages were assessed at £5 on the immediate handing over of the forms.

Mr. D. McIntyre, for the Union, explained that Manchester was one of the few cities where the obsolete system remained of the fire brigade being carried on under police control.

Counsel said that Charles Greenfield, a Manchester fireman, wrote to the union's secretary last November and enclosed twenty-eight completed union application forms. The letter did not reach the Chief Constable.

Later, Greenfield came before Sir John, and was charged with acting in a manner likely to bring discredit on the force, and with divulging fire brigade matters to someone not connected with the brigade.

Greenfield mentioned bad conditions at A.F.S. stations, referred to in his letter, and the Chief Constable said, "That has always been your failing, Greenfield. You are dismissed."

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SHE WAS LATE— GOT G.M.

With coal gas escaping from a broken main, wreckage falling all around, and German raiders raining down bombs in the light of flares, an eighteen-year-old assistant nurse went to the rescue of a youth hanging upside down by his ankles in a bombed house.

She crawled into a narrow hole to comfort him, stayed with him for over an hour until his release though several times nearly overcome by gas, and then gave first aid.

Now this heroine of the Southampton blitz, Miss Mary Sible Joyce Newman, of Magdalla Road, Bitterne, Southampton has been awarded the George Medal.

Helped Father, Son

She was off duty when the bombing began, but immediately went out to help. A bomb struck two houses.

In one the four occupants were killed outright. Nurse Newman attended to the injuries of a man blown through the front door of the other house, then went to the aid of the trapped youth, his son, aged nineteen.

And when it was all over the the eighteen-year-old nurse suddenly realised she was late for duty at her hospital. She hurried there with a note from an A.R.P. official to explain why.

Later she said: "The gas made me feel sleepy. Once one of the rescue squad trod on my toe and woke me up."

"I didn't feel the effects much until the next afternoon—and then, well talk about delayed action!"

Other George Medals have been awarded to Works Superintendent Owen Edward Parsloe and Leader Walter Thomas Field, of Bromley A.R.P., and Constable John Eustace Cyril Hayman, City of London Police.

STOCK EXCHANGE QUIETLY FIRM

The London Stock Exchange was quietly firm yesterday. Gilt-edged, home rails and a few leading industrials maintained early small advances but business failed to develop, apart from some professional support of home rails. Oils were dull, Kafirs irregular and foreign issues inclined to be easy. Wall Street was quietly steady.—Reuter.

THEY LOVED, PLANNED A DREAM HOME . . .

(By A Special Correspondent)

THE AIRMAN they call Leo the Lion is dead, and in Dover Castle a lovely W.R.E.N. whose heart he won in a whirlwind wooing has only her memories left. The dream home for two they were going to build at Adelaide, Australia, will remain a dream . . .

Flying-Officer Leslie Clisby, D.F.C., who came from Australia to help the Motherland, was a pilot whose record of daring was something outstanding even for the R.A.F.

He has now been officially reported as dead after shooting down his twenty-fifth Nazi plane—fourteen of them in one day.

He won the heart of Phyllis Austin, W.R.E.N. telephonist, with the same storm tactics as he used in bringing down Huns.

He was on leave in Dover when he saw her in the street. He admitted afterwards that he fell in love with her "in a second", and immediately tried to speak to her. To Phyllis Austin, however, he was just a good-looking officer trying to make her acquaintance, and she walked straight on.

An hour later she left her hair-dresser—and there, on the



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Results of the Captain's Cup Golf competition held at Fanling during the week-end were:

Old Course.—H. Overy 88-18=70. Qualified. Twenty entries.
New Course.—H. M. Rowland 87-16=71. Qualified. Eleven entries.

FOOTBALL IS "JOB" IN ARMY

(BY A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT)

Football is encouraged in the Army as one of the ways of keeping the men fit and "on their toes" for attempted invasion by Hitler. "A man hurt while playing football would be considered injured in the course of his duty," Major-General R. W. D. Leslie, Deputy-Director of Medical Services, Northern Command, told me.

Fox-hunting is also encouraged in the training of officers. "Apart from being a healthy exercise, it helps officers to get a first-hand and intimate knowledge of the land over which they would operate in the event of an enemy landing," said the major-general.

Pretenders Found Out

The general has a staff of experts in medical science, bacteriology and physical training, helping in the work of keeping the Army fit.

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U.S. ADOPTS IN ENGLAND

America's generous offers of hospitality to British children looked like being wasted because of hospitality to British children looked like being wasted because of shipping difficulties. But this has been overcome by Americans offering hospitality in Britain.

A'ready at Cheddar, Somerset, English children are the guests of Americans. Another hostel in the country near Bristol is being opened of them.

Mr. Frank Whittaker, of Bristol, started the scheme. He has sent his three children to American families. They rapidly settled down in the United States, and offers to adopt other English children for the duration came pouring across the Atlantic.

The other children could not go, but Mr. Whittaker had an idea. He wondered if the kindness of American families would extend to paying for secondary schoolchildren to be their guests at country hostels in England.

Blacksmith's Cottage

He cab'd to America, and through Mr. Gordon Donald, of New Jersey, where two of his children are staying, where two of his children are staying, learned that £28 a month for one year could be guaranteed, and that more would be coming.

He toured the country, found empty cottage buildings at Weston-in-Gordano, Somerset, once occupied by a village blacksmith, and bought them for £350. He has just finished adapting them for the children.

The hostel is called the "Bellows," after the farrier's bellows which still remain there. It houses twenty-five children. Others may follow.

2 P.C.S SHOT: MAN CHARGED

Shots were fired and two policemen were wounded while they were investigating a case of suspected housebreaking at Boundary Road, Carshalton, Surrey.

The wounded men are Police-Constable Frederick Lee, forty, and Police-Constable Sidney Collyer, forty-two. Lee has a leg wound and Collyer was wounded in the stomach.

Although Collyer's injury is serious, both he and Lee were reported to be out of danger.

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PLAY-OFF FOR GARRISON HOCKEY CUP POSTPONED

Middlesex Do Well In Army Sporting Circles

AREA TENNIS LEAGUES IN FULL SWING

By Squaddy

ALTHOUGH Middlesex Regiment were without one of their best full backs, Sgt. Freshwater, they put up a very good show against South China at Caroline Hill on Sunday by drawing 3-all.

South China were trying out some of their players before going on their tour to Malaya.

The goals for the soldiers were scored by Saw, Pearson, and Marable.

This was the Middlesex' last game of this season.

THERE will be an athletic meeting at Shamshuipo on Thursday between the Combined Middlesex and the Rajput Regiment and the Combined Royal Artillery who put out the challenge.

This meeting came about over the Area Athletic Meeting when the opposing teams were running exceptionally well.

I think that Middlesex and Rajputs will win all the track events with the exception of the three miles team race.

They should also do well in the long jump as the Rajputs were winners of the Area Long Jump last week.

The 12th Coast Regiment, R.A., again pulled off both weights for the Area Tug-of-War for the second year in succession.

The athletic meeting arranged between the Army and the Combined Chinese will be held at Caroline Hill on Sunday, May 18.

Middlesex Regiment will represent Army and should be able to put up a fine show after their performance last week at the Area Athletic Meeting.

L/Cpl. Heather is reckoned as one of the best half-milers in the Colony and has been entered for the Colony championships.

TENNIS

IN the "A" League of the Hong Kong Area Tennis League fixtures the following games will be played on Friday, May 9, commencing at 3 p.m. at Sookunpoo. R. Engineers 'B' v R.A.M.C. F.A. Staff v 8th Coast

5th A.A. Regt. v Indian Medical Service R.A. v Royal Signals

To-day the first matches in the "B" League will be played at Sookunpoo and following is the programme:

R.A.P.C. v Royal Scots Middlesex v 36th Bty., R.A.

To-morrow 12th Bty., R.A. v 12th Regt., R.A. 24th Bty., R.A. v 30th Bty., R.A.

Thursday, May 8 Middlesex v R.A.P.C. R.A.S.C. "A" v R. Engineers

HOCKEY

THE play off for the Garrison Hockey Cup, which should have been played before the end of the season will be decided at Shamshuipo in the next two weeks. A definite date has not yet been decided owing to Rajputs and Punjabs not playing off their last match of the Garrison Hockey League.

The Middlesex Regiment, who will have to find one or two new players for the team to play this match, have been unlucky in losing Crowley and Freshwater, but they have two players who will fill their places just as well.

This year the Diehards have done very well in the sporting world and have kept the good name of the Regiment up as in previous years.

Last week they were winners of the Colony Six-a-Side hockey tournament which was a good show. They received no trophy to show that they were winners of this competition and if it had only been a small token it would have been much appreciated.

ARMY TENNIS STARTS

In "A" Division of the Army Tennis League, 5th A.A. Regiment, Royal Artillery, defeated 8th Heavy Battery, R.A., by three points to nil, at Sookunpoo yesterday.

Under a new system of scoring players are graded and play their opposite numbers on the other side over three sets.

Lieut. T. A. Pearce and Sgt. Morgan (5th A.A.) beat Lieut. Watsons and Lieut. Godfrey, 6-3, 6-4, 6-3.

Lieut. J. L. C. Pearce and Sgt. Davis (5th A.A.) beat Sgt. Shirland and Gnr. Roche, 6-3, 6-3, 6-3.

Bdr. Mew and Bdr. Savage (5th A.A.) beat S/Sgt. Shepherd and S/Sgt. Skinner, 6-2, 6-1, 6-2.

TENNIS RESULTS

B. O'm Deane and Miss J. Smalley (-15) beat J. S. Theobald and Mrs. Torrible (-3.6) in the final of the Club Handicap Mixed Doubles at the Stand Court by scores of 8-6, 6-3, 6-3, yesterday.

To-day's Matches

Following is to-day's Tennis Championship programme:

CLUB HANDICAP SINGLES

Final G. W. Sewell (-4.0) v T. J. Gould (-15.2) (Stand Court).

CLUB HANDICAP DOUBLES

Semi-Final C. H. R. Oxley and A. H. Barwell (-15.2) v R. H. Blake and H. C. D. Knight (-3.6) (8).

BOWLS PROGRAMME FOR SATURDAY

Following is the League fixtures for next Saturday:

FIRST DIVISION

Kowloon C.C. v RECREIO "A". CRAIGENGOWER v K. Docks. POLICE R.C. v Civil S.C.C. RECREIO "B" v Indian R.C. KOWLOON B.C.C. "A" v Kowloon B.C.C. "B".

SECOND DIVISION

Kowloon Tong v Recreation. Prison v KOWLOON C.C. H.K. FOOTBALL C.C. v Craigengower. Taikeo R.C. v KOWLOON F.C.

THIRD DIVISION

Kowloon F.C. v CRAIGENGOWER. Indian R.C. v H.K. FOOTBALL CLUB. RECREIO v Police R.C. H.K. ELECTRIC v Hong Kong C.C.

REPLIES TO TILDEN'S GLOOMY PICTURE OF FUTURE AMATEUR TENNIS

"I AM AFRAID amateur tennis is finished."

"More wishful thinking."

"I think Tilden is talking rot."

"Three quotes which, when connected, tell the story of W. T. (Bill) Tilden saying that amateur tennis is dead, and will remain down, a reply coming from H. Roper Barrett, former chairman of the Lawn Tennis Association and a doubles champion at Wimbledon, with the third comment uttered by Miss Nora Cleather, Secretary of the All England Club, where the Open championships are held.

Enlarging on all three comments, and remembering what the average persons think, Tilden appears to lose the set after getting in the first remark to hold vantage.

He painted a gloomy picture of the amateur side of the game when replying to a question. "If you mean what will happen to the game as considered from the big business angle—big gates, big crowds, stadia, and so forth—it won't be able to stand it very long" he said. "The Davis Cup is over, of course, it won't work for a good many years as a result of the war, and it doesn't look to me as if International sport can be reckoned on at all. This is serious, because International competition is the backbone of lawn tennis."

A Bit Complex

That last comment is worth analysing because Tilden, in one breath, says that the Davis Cup is over and in the next he says it won't work for a good many years. If, after a good many years, as he suggests, it will work, how can it be over?

Tilden "shot his mouth off" as his compatriots in America would say, for nobody else believes that the game is dead. It may happen that this War will have the good effect of bringing into being a really "Open" championship, with amateurs and professionals competing together, just as they do in golf, but that need not mean that the amateur game dies, any more than amateur golf is dead.

As H. Roper Barrett replied, "more wishful thinking; who can tell? Tilden is entitled to his own opinion and we can leave it at that. We might think otherwise."

More To The Point

Still more to the point is Miss Cleather's response "I think Tilden is talking rot! After a lapse of years in the last war, lawn tennis came into its own again and was stronger than ever. After the present War Wimbledon will come again and so will the Davis Cup. Our centre court and Nos. 1 and 2 have not been used and are being nourished and kept in perfect order for the next championship meeting."

Not Tilden seems to be barking up the wrong tree and one can almost imagine him saying "Waal, it raised an argument anyway." He admitted that whatever happened, play-for-run tennis would survive in the United States. In that case it is hard to imagine that it will remain as

hurt. When he is hurt he is buddled.

Smartness Counts

If this Conn is smart and keeps away from the light, it may get up when he is hurt. If he will stay and jab-jab-jab, he will keep Louis away from him and off his feet for 20 rounds.

But suppose Billy Conn is not smart and he is hurt, he will be hurt. But suppose Billy Conn is smart and he is not hurt, he will be smart.

The Greatest Women Player

Of equal, if not greater, interest to his comments on amateur tennis, was Tilden's opinion of the greatest woman player ever to grace the courts. He names Suzanne Lenglen. He was not forgetting Mrs. Roark (Helen Will Moody) or Miss Alice Marble and after admitting that, for fine day-after-day play, Mrs. Roark was more consistent than Miss Marble and that Miss Marble, on her best day, was the most brilliant of woman players, possessing the widest range of strokes while being the finest of all women volleyers, he still names the French girl as the greatest of all time.

Now people are wondering who will be the new "star." Miss Lenglen died three years ago, Mrs. Roark has virtually retired and Miss Marble has joined the professional ranks.

Miss Pauline Betz is expected to win this year's American title and so reach the pinnacle and there are many people who think she will succeed to the throne of Queen of lawn tennis. Listen to what Miss Dorothy Bundy says of her: "She has the spirit, physique, strokes—everything it takes, but most of all she has that fight and endurance; she could play all day. Of such qualities are champions made."

AMERICA TENNIS TITLES VERY OPEN

With Alice Marble now a professional, the fight for the title of Queen of American Tennis this summer is expected to be a very open one.

Alice Marble had been so superior to other players when she was an amateur that victory for her was generally a foregone conclusion, but now that she is out of the way it is difficult to find her successor.

There is no dominant contender and not since Helen Will won the Championship way back in 1923 has there been such well-matched field. The contenders are probably Helen Will and Sarah Cooke, former Wimbledon champion, and Fayzan Palmer, who has been an expert in the game for many years. The fight for the title is expected to be a very open one.

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DOYLE THINKS BILLY CONN CAN BEAT LOUIS

JACK DOYLE, the big sporting odds man, not only thinks Billy Conn has a chance to win the heavyweight championship from Joe Louis but goes into boxing history to prove his point.

"Billy Conn? Yes, I think he's got a good chance. I didn't think so at first, but I do now. He's pretty cute. So if it goes the limit, he's got to win, doesn't he?"

Doyle, a veteran raconteur, paused and then settled comfortably in his chair.

"Let's go back to the Corbett-Jeffries fight at Coney Island for a comparison," he began.

"It was Aug. 14, 1900. Corbett, the smart guy—and he was smart, too—beat himself with his smartness."

Great Fight

"Bob Fitzsimmons had won the title from James J. Corbett in 1897," Doyle explained, and lost it to James J. Jeffries in 1899. Then Jeffries and Corbett was matched. "I remember there was a fellow in New York then—Tim Sullivan—who was the big boss of the boxing stronger than ten Mike Jacobeses," Doyle said.

"We were at the meeting arranging for the fight," Corbett insisted on 28 rounds. Sullivan wanted 20 and threatened never to let Corbett fight again if he didn't give in.

"Well, they signed for the fight. A couple of days later Corbett

came out and said he'd not fight unless it is 25 rounds, he didn't care what Sullivan or anyone else did. So they had to give in.

"What a fight it was! Which brings me back to my theory and that Corbett outsmarted himself. He demanded 25 rounds and finally got it. If he had let them put it on for 20 rounds he would have won!"

Down In 21st

"That night he was a great fighter, probably better than any other time in his life—at 34. But in 21st round Jeff hit him with a left hook and he went down. But oh, he was an actor! He got up and looked back and pointed to a wet spot on the canvas. It wasn't bigger than a dime, but he was trying to make Jeff think he had slipped."

"But he was hurt. That punch slowed him a bit. And in the 23rd round Jeff, who had not been hurt by any punch Corbett landed, knocked him out."

"Now Conn isn't the boxer Corbett was, or will be. He's not even as smart as Billy Conn. But he is a smart guy. He's got to be smart. He's got to be smart. He's got to be smart."



EWO

THE QUALITY BEER



LAWN BOWLS SWEEP STARTS THIS WEEK

By "Lead"

THE LAWN BOWLS ASSOCIATION are again running a sweep on the highest aggregate Club-win in the Lawn Bowls League and hope, with the co-operation of all bowlers and friends, to be able to raise a larger sum in aid of the B.W.O.F. than last year when more than \$2,500 was realised.

GUARD TAKES HONOURS

By A Special Correspondent

The Rifle Association wound up their shooting season on Sunday with a Meeting in aid of the B.W.O.F. Fine weather brought a large number of competitors to the range for a most enjoyable shoot and easy conditions made for a high standard of shooting.

Spoons and cups were presented for competition by the various Affiliated Clubs of the H.K.R.A. and resulted in keen competition. In all \$70 was realised for the Red Cross.

Mr. Guard of the Dockyard Rifle Club headed the shooting with a good 87, beating Sgt. Cole of Stonecutters, with the same score, on a count-out. The latter's 44 at 200 yards is worthy of note. St. Wall's 46 at 500 yds. was the best score at the longer range.

In the team shooting there were two competitions, one for the "A" and "B" Class shots and the other for the "C" and "D" shots. The former was keenly contested and was won by the Hong Kong Police with the Volunteers second. The latter have shown vast improvement recently. In the junior series the Royal Scots triumphed over the Middlesex "B" team.

Miniature Shooting

A prominent feature of the day's programme was the Miniature Rifle shooting, organised by the R.A.F. who kindly donated a number of spoons for competition at 25 yards. This shooting was run concurrently and relieved the usual monotony of waiting between ranges.

In these competitions the Rajputs were very prominent and it was a pleasure to see so many of them out for the first time at an Association shoot.

R.A.F. won the 22 Team Shoot from a large entry.

The Revolver shooting was keenly contested. Sgt. Purn Singh of the Hong Kong Police just beat Sgt. Breese of Stonecutters who was firing extremely well. There were more than the usual number firing and it can be said that shooting with the "hand-gun" is becoming more popular than in the past.

On the Claybird Range the Annual championships were held. Capt. Hyde carried off the two major events, the "Newton Challenge Cup" and the "Services Individual Claybird Championship." Headquarters Team won the Inter-Unit Match from the Middlesex.

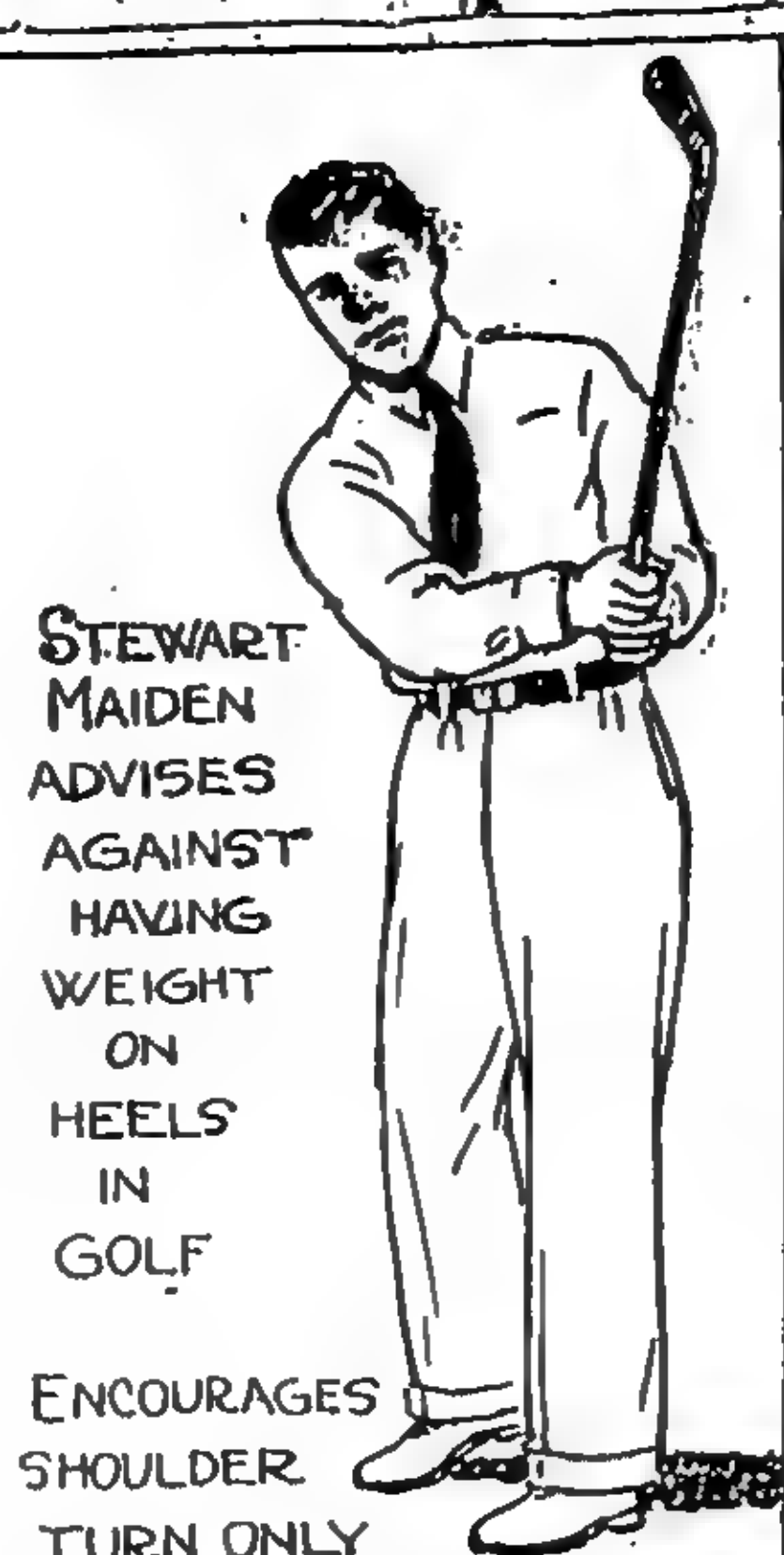
C.P.'s Encouragement

In all about 130 members were present at this closing shoot and it was pleasant to note that the Commissioner of Police took an active part in the shooting. He will be a great asset to the already strong Police Rifle Club.

At the conclusion of the morning's contests Mrs. White, wife of Major Simon White of the Royal Scots, graciously presented the prizes and was accorded three hearty cheers.

Reviewing the past season in the light of present uncertain conditions it may be safely said that the Rifle Association has suffered little under the present stress and may look forward with confidence to the future. The absence of the Royal Navy has, however, been keenly felt. The H.K.R.A. is supported by enthusiasts whose eventual use to this Colony should never be doubted and their standard of shooting improves each year beyond measure.

GRAPHIC GOLF



KEEP WEIGHT FORWARD

BY BEST BALL

While many golfers are of the opinion that the weight in the golf stroke should be back toward the heels, Stewart Maiden advises the weight be placed a bit forward. Stewart Maiden taught Bobby Jones how to swing. His contention is that the swinging balance is similar to that employed in walking and in walking the weight is well forward on the balls of the feet. This allows the player to lean slightly forward in the stroke and aids a full turn of the body, meaning the midsection as well as the shoulders.

With the weight concentrated on the heels, the legs are inclined to stiffness. In pivoting the hips do not turn in the same ratio as the shoulders because of this tenseness in the lower body and the shot lacks power.

Next Article:—One Movement.

South China will meet Royal to-morrow in a friendly soccer game. Scots at Caroline Hill at 5.30 p.m.

JUNIOR CHESS TOURNEY

The Colony Junior Chess Championship Tournament came to a virtual standstill during the past weeks as only two more games were completed.

Un Kwai-yung beat R. C. Danenberg in one of the two matches played, and in the other A. Kurrik beat J. H. d'Almeida.

TABLE TO DATE

| | P. | W. | D. | L. | Pts |
|-------------------|----|----|----|----|--------|
| A. Y. Birkhoff | 8 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 10 1/2 |
| Un Kwai-yung | 8 | 6 | 0 | 2 | 6 |
| A. Kurrik | 10 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 5 1/2 |
| To Yu-lau | 7 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 5 |
| J. Tausz | 7 | 5 | 0 | 2 | 5 |
| J. Grefalda | 8 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 5 |
| R. C. Danenberg | 8 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 5 |
| V. V. Kolatschoff | 8 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 3 |
| Wm. Lee | 9 | 3 | 0 | 6 | 3 |
| E. M. Petrove | 8 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 2 1/2 |
| A. Morton | 5 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 1 1/2 |
| R. C. Gardner | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| J. H. d'Almeida | 7 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 0 |

WAR BRINGS NEW HAZARDS TO GOLF

THE WAR HAS INTRODUCED a lot of new hazards to the game of golf. To begin with, aircraft obstacles — designed to prevent landing of any Axis 'planes — dot the British courses, writes a correspondent from London.

Many of the best layouts near London are scarred and pitted by bombs. You have to play out of bomb craters, too—no lifting.

Of eight major British sports, only soccer and racing cling to any semblance of their pre-war glory, and a comparison of current gate receipts with those for the Winter of 1938-39 for soccer and racing shows that total attendance is off between 65 and 70 per cent.

Participation in sports has fallen off nearly as much despite the widespread athletic programmes of the fighting services. Golf, tennis, Rugby, cricket, track, rowing—all big amateur participant sports of the pre-war days—are at their lowest levels since 1917-18.

Bombers Are Blamed

Sport bigwigs name bombers and national service as the main reasons.

"A man doesn't have time or the inclination to play eighteen holes of golf or run cross-country any more," said Geoffrey Sharpe, president of the Blackheath Harriers, London sports club. "Not after he's worked eight hours at his office, and then done six or eight hours as a fire fighter or an air raid warden."

The comparative expense of golf clubs, tennis racquets and other things also limits the number of participants.

Jack Hobbs, once Britain's premier cricketer, declares he has not sold any large orders of cricket equipment for months. Expense also is a factor in the decline in spectator sports, which

likewise suffer from demands for national service. With prices rising well ahead of wages the average man can't fork out \$2 for a prize-fight seat or 75 cents for the entrance fee to a race course without feeling it.

Here's a quick outline of what is happening to the major sports:

Racing Dwindles

Racing dwindled last Summer but reopened again late in September. Despite charges that it diverts money from the war effort and places a strain on transport, it has been going on since. There is never more than one meeting, however, and since the Blitz began, the tracks near London have been quiet.

Steeplechasing is in high favour at present, but the bookies report betting light. The Grand National, Steeplechase at Aintree, however, will not be run this year—for the first time since its inception 104 years ago.

As in 1940, Britain will run a substitute Derby, the Oaks, the Two Thousand Guineas and the St. Leger. The nominations for these are surprisingly high, considering the circumstances. There are 65 for the Derby, 64 for the Oaks, 53 for the Two Thousand Guineas and 41 for the St. Leger.

Three top owners of the British turf, Mrs. Dorothy Paget, Fred Darling and J. V. Bank, all have entries for the Derby but many owners have sold their horses to Irish stables or are racing in Ireland. For the first time in eleven years the Aga Khan's name is missing from the list of owners of Derby nominees.

YOUNG DEFEATS LITTLE DADO IN SURPRISE BOUT

DAVID YOUNG, Honolulu Chinese, won a unanimous decision over Little Dado, Filipino flyweight champion of the world, in a non-titular 10-round bout at the Honolulu stadium recently.

Southpaw Young nearly scored a knockout in the first round but he failed to follow up. Dado made a gradual recovery in the late rounds but it was insufficient to overcome the lead piled up by the Chinese boy.

Superior punching power gave Young the first five rounds. Dado was credited with three and two rounds were even.

It was Dado's first defeat on American soil.

Both lightweights fought as bantams with Young weighing 117 1/4 pounds and Dado 116 3/4 pounds.

Little Dado, the slugging Filipino, is recognized as flyweight champion of the world by the N.B.A.

A crowd of 7,000 fans witnessed the swiftest.

Little Dado, weighing 116 3/4 pounds, forced the fight during the first six rounds. He swarmed all over the Honolulu bantler but in one frame Young, employing a lightning-like left uppercut, upset Dado for no count. Dado outsmarted Young throughout and effectively counterpunched but David, weighing 117 1/4, fought progressively better from start to finish.

Small Montano of the Philippines, former world's flyweight boxing champion, lost a questionable 12-round decision to Luis Castillo of Mexico.

The Filipino's clever boxing appeared to give him the edge during most of the bout, although he was floored for an eight count with a left and right to the chin in the sixth round.

A large crowd in the sports palace boomed lustily when the referee raised Castillo's hand after the fast bout. Each fighter weighed 112 pounds.

Fritzie Zivic, world's welterweight boxing champion, knocked out Dick Demaray of Bismarck, N.D., in the fifth round of a non-title fight. The bout was scheduled for 10 stanzas.

The champion weighed 150 pounds and Demaray tipped 149.

HOME SOCCER

Following are the Home soccer fixtures for the week-end:

WAR CUP FINAL

Arsenal v Preston (At Wembley)

FOOTBALL LEAGUE SOUTH
Portsmouth v Bournemouth
Watford v Luton Town

SOUTHERN REGIONAL LEAGUE

Aldershot v Queen's Park
Brentford v Fulham
Cardiff v Chelsea
Reading v West Ham
Stoke v Northampton
Tottenham v Crystal P.
Hotspur v Crystal P.
Walsall v Leicester

NORTHERN REGIONAL LEAGUE

Bury v Manchester
Chester v Bolton
Chesterfield v Sheffield
Liverpool v TranmereRovers

FOR LIVERPOOL CUP

Oldham v Rochdale
Wrexham v Manchester

REGIONAL MATCH

Mansfield v Grimsby

COMBINED COUNTIES (CUP SEMI-FINAL)

Leeds v Huddersfield

LANCASHIRE CUP (SEMI-FINAL)

Burnley v Blackpool

OTHER MATCHES

Middlesbrough v Sunderland

SCOTTISH CUP FINAL

Hearts v Rangers (At Hampden Park Glasgow)

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ANIMATED DEBATE ON WAR EFFORT EXPECTED

Arrangements For House Of Commons Debate

German Pressure On Vichy

Political circles in Zurich assume that Germany is anxious to have permission to use Syria as a military base.

No authoritative information, however, is available in connection with Germany's proposals to Vichy, which were handed by Otto Abetz to Admiral Dardan during the week-end.

The Swiss radio reports from Vichy that Darlan, who left yesterday afternoon for Paris, is accompanied by two diplomatic advisers.

The announcer said diplomatic negotiations which Darlan will conduct in Paris are of far-reaching importance for the future of Franco-German relations. — Reuter.

BOUND FOR U.S.A.

A TOTAL OF 167 YUGOSLAV DIPLOMATS AND CONSULAR STAFF, FORMERLY IN ITALY, HAVE ARRIVED AT PORT BOU ON THE FRANCO-SPANISH FRONTIER. IN A SPECIAL TRAIN, WHICH CONTINUED TO MADRID LAST EVENING.

It is understood they will remain in Madrid a few days and will then proceed to Lisbon with the intention of going to the United States. — Reuter.

Mr. Churchill To Wind Up

(By Reuter's Political Correspondent)

THE NEXT TWO SITTINGS of the House of Commons and the next sitting of the Lords will be occupied by consideration of the Government motion approving Government's policy in sending help to Greece and declaring confidence that the Imperial operations in the Middle East and other theatres will be pursued by Government with the utmost vigour.

As there is nothing in the nature of a crisis it will not be surprising if, despite an animated debate in which at least two former War Ministers hope to participate, criticisms are not carried as far as a division in the lobby except by a few like the Independent Labour Party men (who want a new government) and some of the more out and out critics of British war strategy, diplomacy and intelligence services.

Mr. Eden will open the proceedings, and according to present plans there will be only two other Government speakers — Mr. Attlee in the middle and Mr. Churchill at the end.

Intention is to give back-benchers full scope for debate. MR. HORE-BELISHA AND MR. OLIVER STANLEY, BOTH

FORMER WAR MINISTERS, HOPE TO SPEAK AND MR. LLOYD GEORGE IS A POSSIBLE PARTICIPANT.

In the Lords the discussion is expected to last only three hours.

When a debate was first demanded in the Commons, it offered the prospect of major political consequences, but the Government appointments announced last week have removed the likelihood of any such development at least pending knowledge of how the new Ministers are to fit into the whole war machine.

Ventilation Of Steam

Unless, therefore, some unusual turn is given to the discussion it seems unlikely that it will be much more than a useful ventilation of steam generated by recent events in Libya, Greece, Iraq and Turkey, coupled with current criticism of production, organisation of man power and related problems in Britain. — Reuter.

U.S. SUPPLY OF 'PLANES

A total of 414 'planes were delivered to the British Empire and Egypt in March, announces the U.S. Department of Commerce.

This compares with 258 in February and comparative values were \$25,250,000 and \$16,750,000, respectively.

Thirty-five 'planes were also delivered to the Netherlands East Indies.

Value of 'plane engines exported increased from just over \$8,000,000 to \$13,500,000. — Reuter.

PORTUGAL REINFORCES THE AZORES

THERE IS A WIDESPREAD FEAR IN PORTUGAL THAT A GERMAN PARACHUTE INVASION OF THE AZORES MIGHT BE IMMINENT, SAID CAPTAIN GROVE, SKIPPER OF THE LINER "EXCALIBUR," ON ARRIVAL AT JERSEY CITY, N.J., YESTERDAY FROM LISBON.

The day the "Excalibur" left Lisbon he saw a Portuguese troopship with about 3,000 soldiers leave apparently for the Azores. He understood a similar contingent left for the Azores several days before. — Reuter.

COLONY SHIPPING CONTROL

Price Query

The price of coal has risen at least three hundred per cent.; from twenty-three dollars per ton it has soared to ninety-six.

A similar rise has occurred in firewood. It would be an excellent thing says the May number of "St. John's Review," if some local economist could give us the details by which we could learn exactly where the money difference goes.

In Britain it has been the policy to keep the price of necessities down almost to pre-war levels by subsidy or by control and to raise the price of luxuries as high as possible.

There is a shipping control in Britain and there is shipping control in Hong Kong. Are the two systems the same, or is the question complicated by the fact that the major portion of our goods comes to Hong Kong in non-British ships?

Cardinal Principle

A simple account of shipping control would help us to understand how much the government

FURTHER GIBRALTAR EVACUATIONS

It was officially announced in Gibraltar yesterday that further evacuations of civilians are taking place shortly.

Lists numbering over a thousand yesterday included many Spanish refugees. — Reuter.

is rightly benefitting from the increased prices we have to pay for the necessities of life. The mood of the moment is that such increased costs are only tolerable if the war effort is being supported by them but not otherwise.

The cardinal principle of this war is that no one is entitled to share in the victory, if he comes out of it richer than he would have been had the war not occurred.

Millions of British people are voluntarily giving their best to win this war, it is reasonable that they should be assured that no one is taking a selfish advantage of the crisis.

STOP PRESS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
The Nazi battle-cruisers Scharnhorst and Gneisenau are reported to be virtually ruined, as are dry-docks and jetties at Brest, as a result of the latest R.A.F. raid. — International News Service.

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NAZIS INCITING HOLY WAR

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Diplomatic advices received in Washington yesterday state Germany is inciting a Moslem Holy War to pave the way for a pincer against Suez.

German agents are promising the establishment of an Arab National State and the wiping out of the Jewish National Home in Palestine if the Arabs rise now.

The German campaign for stirring up the Moslem world is being intensified in order to pave the way for a Nazi pincer movement against the Suez Canal.

German secret agents are promising Arab leaders their support and distributing large sums of money for revolt.

The formation of an independent Arab Nationalist State, with full German support, has been promised by these agents.—International News Service.

U.S. AID MUST REACH DESTINATION

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Seventeen naval and production experts in the United States, including Colonel Donovan and four retired Admirals, have expressed the opinion that Britain can win the war provided she gets all the help she needs in time, according to a Washington message.

Meanwhile, at Nashville, Tennessee, speaking before a crowd of 10,000 people, Mr. Wendell Willkie said he expected United States production to be double that of Germany within 6 months.

"If England can command the sea and air, victory is assured by 1943. With the sea lanes open, Hitler will never conquer," said Mr. Willkie.

"The United States must produce more and more and see that what she produces reaches its destination," concluded Mr. Willkie.—International News Service.

IRAQ OUT OF THE STERLING AREA

A British Treasury Order issued yesterday in effect excludes Iraq from the sterling area.

Bribing France Through Admiral Darlan

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

INDICATING THAT HITLER IS PRACTICALLY SET FOR A SPANISH "INVASION," THOUSANDS OF GERMAN OFFICER "TOURISTS" AND TECHNICIANS HAVE BEEN SEEN IN SPAIN, PARTICULARLY IN THE NORTH.

Germany is seeking permission to move more troops via unoccupied France, and it is considered inevitable that Admiral Darlan will consent.

Twenty-seven German divisions are reported to be concentrated on the South-West coast of France between Bordeaux and Bayonne, according to well-informed quarters in London.

According to these sources, thousands of the German so-called "tourists" are already inside Spain, ready to spring to action when the occasion arises.

In connection with the report that Germany is seeking further concessions from Vichy for more German troops to enter unoccupied France, through Admiral Darlan, who has been in Paris for conversations with Otto Abetz and is returning soon to that city again, there are rumours that the German bait for Vichy's acceptance is the offer of return to France of the Suez Canal shares formerly held by her.

Portuguese Measure

Meanwhile, an Ankara report to the London "Daily Mail" states that Portugal has massed 50,000 troops along her frontiers bordering Spain, for fear of a German invasion of Spain.

France in return for the offer of a share in control of Suez is expected to co-laborate in a drive on that area.

Darlan has returned to Paris to resume the negotiations after a conference with Marshal Petain.

Sunday's meeting between Otto Abetz and Admiral Darlan

BRITISH ACCORD WITH MEXICO?

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

An Exchange Telegraph Mexico City despatch says that a deal under which Britain will acquire the entire Mexican oil output is being negotiated. This indicates an impending settlement of the three-year Anglo-Mexican dispute.—International News Service.

NAVY SHELLING AT BASRA

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

British cruisers are shelling Iraqi camel troops and a major battle is in progress on the outskirts of Basra, with the Iraqis attacking repeatedly.

Heavy casualties, it is reported, have been suffered by both sides, while Basra is said to be surrounded.

Fighting is entering on its second night in extremely hot weather. British shelling stampeded Iraqi camel forces. The initial British force in Iraq is reported to have been 7,000, against which the Iraqi forces amounted to 35,000.—International News Service.

GLASGOW AGAIN?

GERMAN RAIDERS ATTACKED CENTRAL AND WEST SCOTLAND IN THE FACE OF HEAVY BARRAGES LAST NIGHT. BOMBS WERE ALSO DROPPED ON THE EAST COAST OF ENGLAND.—REUTER.

SCHARNHORST AND GNEISENAU VIRTUALLY WRECKED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The Nazi battle-cruisers Scharnhorst and Gneisenau are reported to be virtually ruined, as are dry-docks and jetties at Brest, as a result of the latest R.A.F. raid.—International News Service.

AMERICAN CONVOY AGITATION

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Mr. Carl Vinson, Chairman of the House of Representatives Naval Committee, declared yesterday he favours convoys "if they are necessary to get our goods to Britain."

Capping a day of bitter debate on the foreign ship seizure Bill, Mr. Vinson declared: "My position is that we embarked on a policy of aid to England and we have not appropriated seven billion dollars for Davy Jones' locker."

Representative Patrick yesterday urged immediate conveying.—International News Service.

ANOTHER SHANGHAI STRIKE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

THE GRAVE LABOUR SITUATION IN SHANGHAI WAS BROUGHT HOME TO OFFICE WORKER AND TAIWAN ALIKE WHEN ALL DYEING AND DRY-CLEANING CONCERNS CLOSED DOWN DUE TO A STRIKE BY 3,000 EMPLOYEES.

The big dry-cleaners were besieged by foreigners demanding that their suits be pressed or cleaned for special prices. All were turned away.—International News Service.



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IRAQ SITUATION UNDER CONTROL

Greater Part Of Iraq Air Force Destroyed

Garrison Of Habbaniyah Intact

AN OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE ISSUED FROM BRITISH GENERAL HEADQUARTERS IN CAIRO YESTERDAY ON THE IRAQI DEVELOPMENTS STATES THAT IRAQI ARTILLERY POSTED IN THE VICINITY OF HABBANIYAH WAS RENDERED COMPARATIVELY INACTIVE ON SUNDAY BY OUR AIRCRAFT.

The garrison of Habbaniyah is intact and has suffered very few casualties from the unprovoked Iraqi attack.

The greater part of the Iraqi air force has already been destroyed by our air action either while attempting to attack British camps or as a result of attack by our air forces on Iraqi air bases.

After attacking an unarmed British construction gang, which was in the vicinity, Iraqi forces on May 2 occupied Rutbah.

In the Basra area our troops remain in occupation without interference.

An additional Middle East communique says that successful infantry patrols from Habbaniyah were carried out throughout Sunday night.

Not Serious

The communique adds that on Sunday there was intermittent shelling of the R.A.F. station at Habbaniyah by Iraqi artillery.

It was not of a serious nature owing to the constant air patrols maintained by British fighters and bombers.

'News' of the fighting also comes from German sources, a Byrooth message quoted by the German news agency stating that British armoured cars attacked the Iraqi desert fort at Rutbah.

The message claims the attack was successfully repelled by the Iraqi troops.

No Germans

There is no evidence of the arrival of German aircraft or officers, it was stated in a review of the position in Iraq by military circles in Cairo.

The spokesman estimated the total strength of the Iraqi air force as 120 of all types, hardly any of them modern.

The unarmed party captured at Rutbah, mentioned in the official communique, consisted of three or four British officers and a few Sappers, the remainder being local labourers.

They were captured by a mobile Iraqi force.

Delicate

The spokesman said the situation around Habbaniyah was "a little difficult and delicate."

Apart from at Basra and Habbaniyah, the British had only a certain number of construction gangs working on the Baghdad-Haifa road, which passes through Rutbah.—Reuter.

CROAT AUTONOMISTS DISSATISFIED

Information reaching authoritative Yugoslav circles "some-where in the Middle East" declares considerable dissatisfaction is rife among Croat supporters of Hitler's new order in view of the action of Italy and Hungary in seizing large slices of Croatia, although the whole territory had been promised as an independent republic.—Reuter.

CAPT. JAMES ROOSEVELT IN CALCUTTA

En route from Chungking to Cairo, where he and Major Thomas, of the U.S. Marine Corps, will establish headquarters as military observers, Capt. James Roosevelt, the President's eldest son, arrived in Calcutta yesterday.

He stated that when they reach Cairo they will receive instructions from Washington concerning their future programme.

China throughout, he said, had been receiving American supplies which would be increased in the near future.

"The morale of the Chinese is excellent and they are determined to carry on to victory."—Reuter.

CANADA URGED TO GREATER EFFORT

EXPRESSING CONFIDENCE THAT THE PEOPLE WOULD FACE THE SACRIFICES IMPOSED BY THE NEW TAXES, THE OPPOSITION LEADER, MR. R. B. HANSON, OPENING THE BUDGET DEBATE IN THE CANADIAN HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY, WARNED GOVERNMENT OF WIDESPREAD DISSATISFACTION AS TO THE MANNER MONEY WAS BEING SPENT.

Peacetime expenditure must be cut to the bone, and he was equally confident that Canadians' demand was for the same high and inspiring leadership which Mr. Churchill was giving Britain and President Roosevelt was giving the United States, lighting the way and guiding the people along the path to ultimate victory.—Reuter.

ENEMY PLANES OVER ALEXANDRIA

Enemy aircraft flew over Alexandria between 10 and 11.30 on Sunday night. There were no casualties or damage.—Reuter.



As in the other Commands of the Army, troops in Northern Iraq are paying great attention to salvage and anything that can be made use of is not wasted. Paper salvage; old books, periodicals, newspapers, etc., are carefully salvaged. The wire clips are removed before packing.

NAZI SHIPS IN THE ANTARCTIC

The Germans and Japanese have been in the Antarctic and British naval forces blew up a Norwegian whaler repair-ship in Deception Bay, to prevent her use by the Germans.

These reports have been brought back to the United States from Little America by members of Admiral Byrd's expedition, who returned to Boston yesterday.

Officers stated rumours of German operations near Deception Island came to them from other mariners, but the captain of Admiral Byrd's ship "North Star" declared that before the ship left the Antarctic he saw a Japanese whaler manoeuvring off the coast.—Reuter.

U.S. FLOUR FOR FRENCH

TWO FRENCH FREIGHTERS, ILE DE RE AND LEOPOLD, LADEN WITH 14,000 TONS OF AMERICAN FLOUR, HAVE ARRIVED AT MARSEILLES FROM THE U.S. SAYS THE VICHY NEWS AGENCY.

The gift will enable free rations to be distributed on three Saturdays with the active help of the general delegate for the Red Cross in Europe, Mr. Allen, the agency adds.—Reuter.

YUGOSLAV PRESS BUREAU

The Royal Yugoslav Government has formed a joint press bureau with Serb, Croat and Slovene personnel as part of an organisation creating uniformity in determination to wage a united struggle against the Axis.—Reuter.

TURKISH OFFER TO MEDIATE

It is now confirmed in London that the Turkish Government have offered to mediate between the British and Iraqi Governments, says Reuter's diplomatic correspondent.

The British Government, while greatly appreciating the friendly motive of the Turkish Government, have been compelled to point out that an essential prerequisite of entering into any negotiations is the withdrawal of Iraqi troops from Habbaniyah.—Reuter.

SHANGHAI RICE PRICE DROPS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

THE PRICE OF IMPORTED RICE IN SHANGHAI TOOK A SHARP DROP YESTERDAY MORNING WITH A FURTHER DROP EXPECTED ON THE ARRIVAL OF THE COUNCIL'S FIRST SHIPMENT OF 5,000 TONS 10 DAYS HENCE.

The price decline was likewise affected by the French Concession decision to import rice from Indo-China which will probably result in an embargo imposed by Indo-China against imports to Shanghai for other parties. This step is similar to that taken by Hong Kong.—International News Service.

EGYPTIAN MESSAGE TO IRAQ

The Egyptian Government has decided to send a message to the Iraqi Government, says a statement issued by the Egyptian Prime Minister's office in Cairo last night, according to Cairo radio.

The statement adds "Egypt, which is tied to Iraq by bonds of sympathy and friendship, hopes very sincerely that the causes of the incident which started this conflict will be removed and that the usual good relations between Iraq and her great ally will be re-established."

"The authorities in Iraq will undoubtedly appreciate that a grave responsibility rests on their shoulders, especially in these critical circumstances."

"We sincerely hope that both parties will reach a favourable solution of the present dispute, which will restore peace and tranquillity to Iraq and that the war will not be extended to that part of the world."—Reuter.

KING'S HORSE WINS AT NOTTINGHAM

The King gained his second turf victory of the season when his Classics candidate, Merry Wanderer, won the May Handicap at Nottingham yesterday amid great enthusiasm.

Merry Wanderer, starting at odds of 10 to 1, and ridden by Peter Maher, on leave from the R.A.F., beat the Duke of Norfolk's 25/1 outsider Clean Sweep by eight lengths, with the 3/1 favourite, Salmonus, owned by the Queen's cousin, the Hon. J. Bowes-Lyon, third.—Reuter.

LIVERPOOL CARRIES ON:::FOUR BLITZ NIGHTS

At Least Eight Nazi Bombers Shot Down On Sunday

THE NAZI AIR FORCE LOST AT LEAST EIGHT BOMBERS ON SUNDAY NIGHT TO THE FIRE OF BRITISH NIGHT FIGHTERS, A.A. GUNS AND A DESTROYER WHEN THE PRINCIPAL TARGETS WERE NORTHERN IRELAND AND NORTH-WEST ENGLAND INCLUDING — FOR THE FOURTH NIGHT IN SUCCESSION — MERSEYSIDE.

The destroyer Southdown, it became known last night, raised the night's total to just half that of Saturday night when she was attacked by a twin-engined German bomber.

Her fire caused the raider to burst into flames and crash into the sea, and Southdown proceeded on her course without having suffered any casualties.

After four days and nights of raids Liverpool is carrying on.

Following a special meeting of the city's Emergency Committee, special arrangements were considered, and a statement was issued saying that Liverpool had passed through a serious trial. The Committee expressed its great appreciation of the spirit in which citizens had met the crisis.

It was a great inspiration, the Committee added, to know that Liverpool had not been behind other cities in its realisation of the importance of maintaining the steadiness of civic life.

Belfast Raid

For the second time in three weeks the Luftwaffe crossed the Irish Sea on Sunday night to strike indiscriminately at the patriotic Northern Ireland city of Belfast, writes Reuter's staff reporter.

Amid the misery of ruined homes, fortitude mingled with tremendous relief that casualties were not as heavy as at first feared.

The blow was, however, severe as the official communique shows with its reference to "much damage to commercial, industrial and residential property."

Gallant Nurses

At a hospital hit in a previous raid and damaged again on Sunday night, I have just been told of the gallantry of nurses who shepherded their patients—mostly women and children—to safety as flames swept part of the building.

Their calm courage was matched by A.R.P. workers and ambulance drivers who battled through the night to check fires and to bring in injured, and by those ordinary men and women whose homes have gone but who, since they felt they are in this war as completely as any part of Britain, now are not dismayed because they have felt its full severity.

ONLY A FEW HOURS AFTER THE SUN ROSE ON THE BATTERED CITY TIDYING UP PROCEEDED AS SWIFTLY AS POSSIBLE.

Meanwhile two German planes were shot down during daylight yesterday when a small number of enemy aircraft crossed the south-east coast of Britain.

Bombs were dropped at a point in the south-east and there were bursts of machine-gun fire but little damage and no casualties.

By "Accident"

One plane was destroyed by an R.A.F. pilot who was merely out testing his guns. He and his squadron leader were making for a suitable place to fire cannon shells when two German fighters were spotted. It is now known that in the attack on Merseyside on Friday

YUGOSLAV SHIPS IN U.S. PORTS

The U.S. Coastguard authorities announced yesterday that Coastguardsmen boarded Yugoslav ships as a precautionary measure at Brooklyn, New York, but declared the ships have not been "seized."

This announcement followed a report in the New York "Journal American" that the Yugoslav ships Sreca Nepi and President Kpajpic had been taken over.

The Coastguardsmen said, "When the Coastguard receives certain rumours we take certain action."

The "Journal American" reported that the President Kpajpic had attempted to flee but was captured off Staten Island at the entrance to New York harbour.

Coastguard headquarters stated they understood the reason for the move was to determine whether the officers and crews of the vessels were loyal to King Peter or to the new Government established in Yugoslavia by the Germans.

Loyal Crews

Inspection of the ships is believed to have established that they are loyal to King Peter and to Britain and no further action is being taken, although a close watch will be kept on the ships.

There are 17 Yugoslav ships in U.S. ports at present. — Reuter.

VAN KLEFFENS' VISIT DOWN UNDER

The Netherlands Foreign Minister, Dr. van Kleffens, and Mr. Welter, have arranged to visit Australia on May 12 for six days. They will then go to New Zealand and on May 24 will proceed by air to San Francisco. — Reuter.

night another enemy bomber was shot down by A.A. fire, making a total of six destroyed that night. — Reuter.

THE GERMAN DILEMMA

Colonel Kleen, writing in the Stockholm "Vecko-journalen," declares that despite Germany's tremendous victories there is no triumphant rejoicing in Germany, for in fact, as a German has said, "The more victorious the more worries."

German administrative machinery is being strained to its utmost as well as German finances. The German people are bearing such burdens that they cannot rejoice.

Every victory is followed by a demand for a new one—there is no sign of a decisive victory. Why?

The Germans are fighting the British Empire backed by the United States.

Ninety million Germans, supported by 43,000,000 Italians, are fighting two world Powers of 661,000,000 inhabitants, possessing material and a war potential greatly superior to the Axis powers and aided by the rich Dutch East Indies.

IF THE GERMAN WAR MACHINE COULD GET AT THE ANGLO-SAXON POWERS, THE RESULT MIGHT NOT BE IN DOUBT BUT THE SEA COMES IN BETWEEN.

Food And Oil

There is no indication that Britain cannot ride out the storm, despite bombed towns and sunk ships.

The conclusion is that the German army can score victories but cannot exploit them.

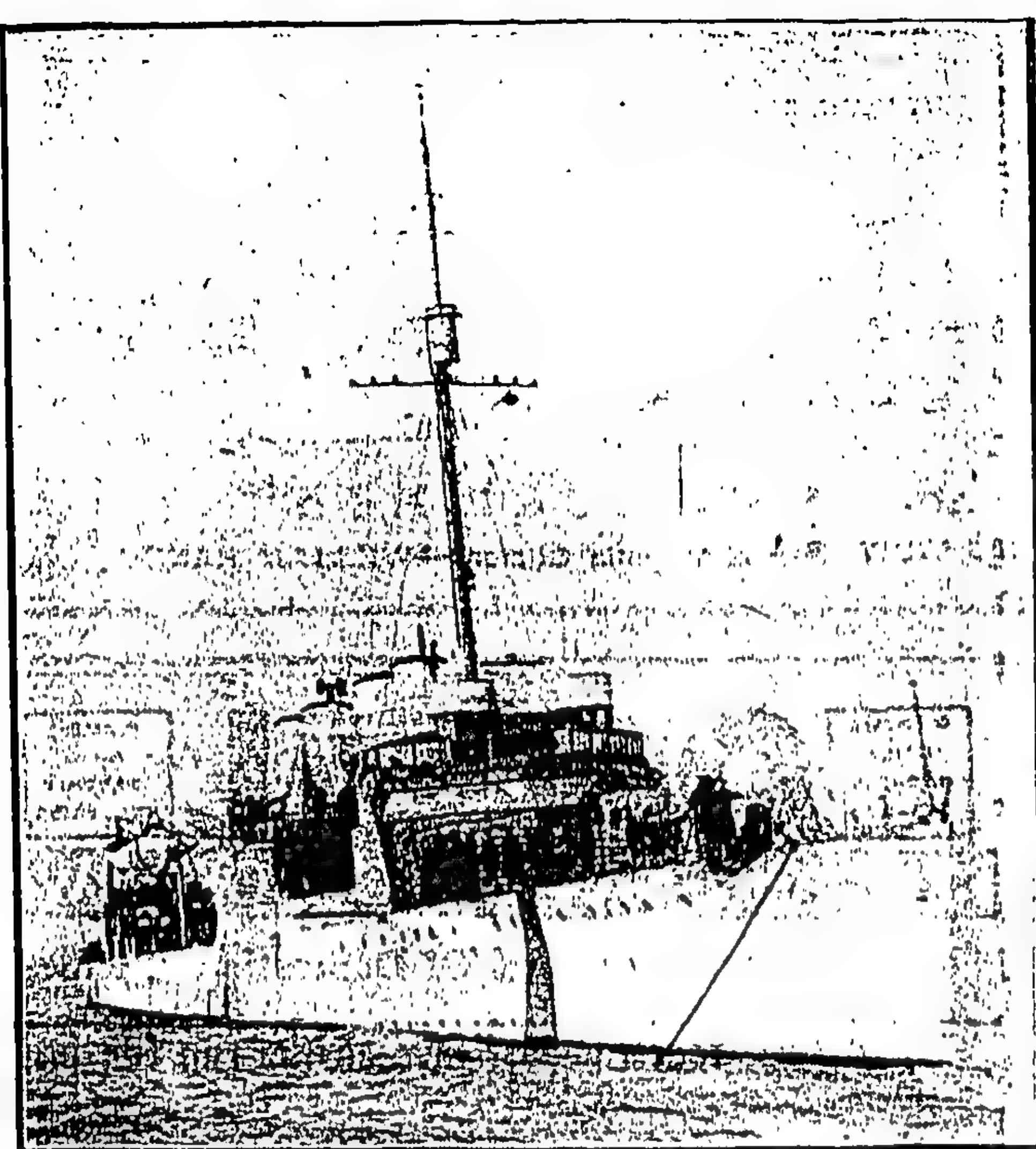
When there are no more battlefields left, the war will become a fight for food and oil, and in that fight the Anglo-Saxon world powers have the upper hand. — Reuter.

MIGHTY WALLOP

THE FIGHT FOR FREEDOM WILL BE WON "BECAUSE CANADA AS WELL AS BRITAIN AND ALL THOSE ASSOCIATED WITH HER WILL STOP AT NOTHING WHICH CAN EFFECTIVELY BE DONE TO ENSURE THE OVERTHROW OF NAZISM," DECLARED THE CANADIAN DEFENCE MINISTER IN A SPEECH AT TORONTO, YESTERDAY.

He believed the events of the past week—the steps by the U.S. for increased aid to Britain—had given the enemy a "mighty wallop."

Reviewing the growth of Canada's armed forces, Col. Ralston said the Navy now had over 180 ships compared with 15 before the war, while the Air Force had grown to a strength of 50,000 men. — Reuter.



One of Britain's newest acquisitions, H.M.S. Reading, a Town Class Destroyer.

D.E.I.'S AVENGING BOMBERS

With the objective of Prince Bernhard's amalgamated Dutch East Indies Spitfire Funds in sight, ensuring the purchase of a squadron of Rotterdam bombers, to avenge the city's destruction, efforts are now being made to raise money to purchase a number of motor torpedo-boats for the Royal Dutch Navy to assist the struggle at sea. — Reuter.

ROOSEVELT ON FINAL TRIUMPH

A message expressing confidence in the final triumph of the Democracies has been sent by President Roosevelt to the President of Poland, on the occasion of Polish National Day and the 150th anniversary of the Polish Constitution.

President Roosevelt assured Poland of "our unfailing friendship and understanding and our confidence in the final triumph of the forces of the Democracies." — Reuter.

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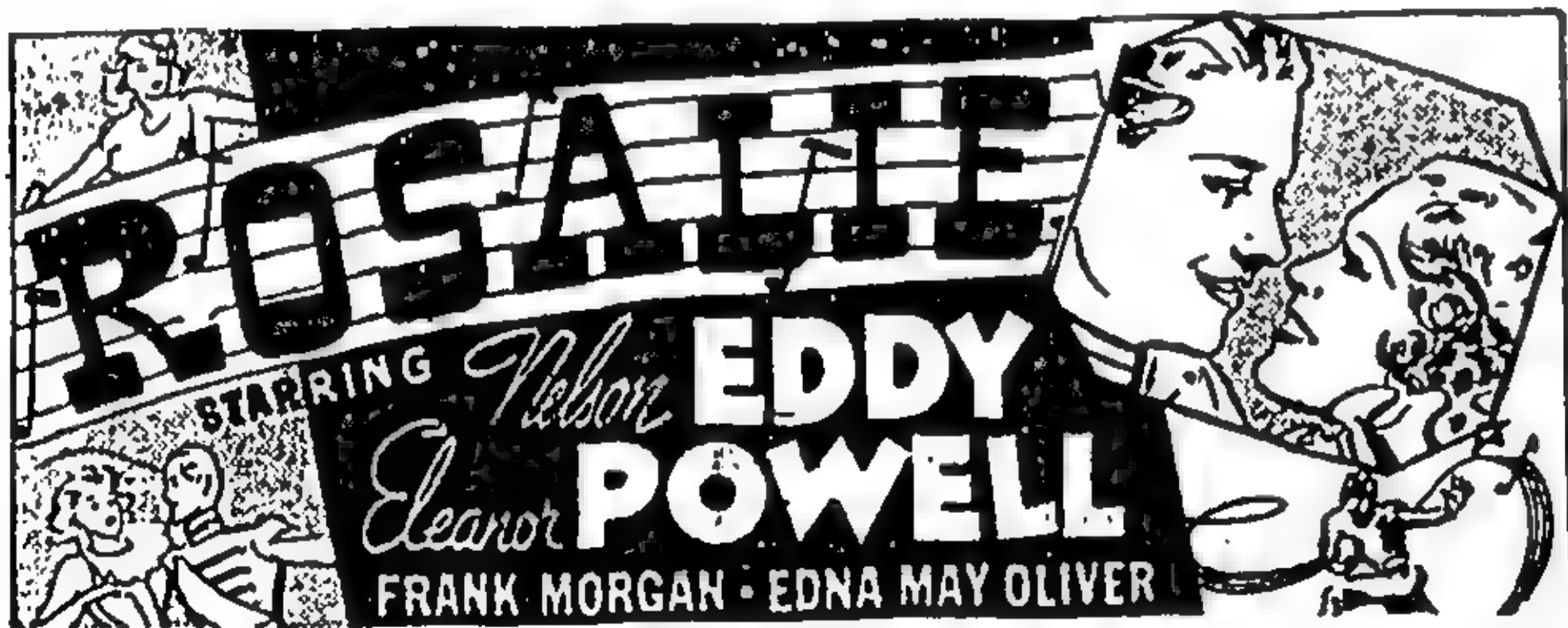
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HITLER'S FAILURE TO REPEAT PROMISE WAR TO END IN 1941

FIRST COMMENTS ON HITLER'S SPEECH TO APPEAR IN THE SWISS PRESS STRESS THE FACT HE DISAPPOINTED HIS AUDIENCE THROUGH INABILITY TO REPEAT THE PROMISE THAT THE WAR WOULD BE FINISHED THIS YEAR.

His omission of any reference to Germany's relations with the United States is singled out for special emphasis by the Stockholm newspaper "Aftonbladet." The omission, says the paper, probably means that the atmosphere is too charged to allow an utterance regarding German plans.

A declaration by Hitler regarding the consequences of the Roosevelt policy had been expected, adds the newspaper, and continues "Berlin obviously prefers to continue to await the result of the internal trial of strength in United States."

The Vichy news agency, by dint of dating its observations on Hitler's speech from Bern, contrives to comment comparatively freely upon it. The agency quotes the Berlin correspondent of the Swiss newspaper "Bund" as attributing great importance to Hitler's exhortation to the German people to increase the national effort in war production.

Important Element

The correspondent continues: "Hitler is doubtless aware that American aid constitutes an important element in British resistance, and consequently he considers that an increase in armaments production is indispensable."

"There is reason to believe compulsory labour service in the Reich will shortly be applied to all women and girls not hitherto employed in agriculture and war industries. 'Germany wants to push her efforts to the extreme to prevent the time factor coming into play. 'Hitler thinks, perhaps not without reason, that a final increase in the national labour effort' is still possible."

Got To Go Through

The correspondent states the Vichy agency, concludes by remarking that the speech gave it to be understood that Hitler considers the task of wiping out Britain, notwithstanding American aid, as a very risky undertaking but that now he has got to go through with it to the end. — Reuter.

RUBBER MONOPOLY IN BRITAIN

No trading occurred on the London rubber market yesterday and quotations were unavailable as the authorities discussed the market's future.

It is understood the Ministry of Supply has decided to become the sole importer and exporter of the commodity but will use the London Rubber Association in performing this function.

This recently appointed Rubber Controller continued conversations throughout the day with the trade. No statement on these discussions has been issued but market circles are pessimistic fearing an eventual decision that might involve the suspension of business for the duration. — Reuter.

AIR ATTACK ON CRETE BEATEN OFF

British fighter successes against enemy aircraft raiding Crete are recorded in an R.A.F. Middle East communique which states: "Cyrenaica — during the night of 3/4 May R.A.F. bombers raided Benina aerodrome, near Benghazi, causing a number of fires and explosions."

Derna aerodrome was also bombed with similar results. Enemy motor transport and mechanised units, some of which were carrying troops, were both bombed and machine-gunned in the Maraua area.

A number of motor transport vehicles were destroyed and others damaged and casualties inflicted on troops.

Other bombers attacked a military headquarters south-east of Tobruk, causing four large fires.

Crete—enemy aircraft raiding Crete were intercepted by our fighters. Four enemy aircraft were shot down and others damaged.

Anti-aircraft fire destroyed further enemy aircraft and damaged another.

H.Q. Attacked

Abyssinia—Italian headquarters in Abyssinia were machine-gunned by fighter aircraft of the S.A.A.F. and a vigorous attack was made on stores, dumps and motor transport troops throughout the day between Falaga Pass and the Dessie road.

It is estimated that over 100 enemy motor transport vehicles were severely damaged. Stores and dumps were repeatedly hit by our bombs.

From all these operations our aircraft returned safely with the exception of two. — British Wireless.

BY CONVOY IF NECESSARY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") SENATOR CLAUDE PEPPER DECLARED IN WASHINGTON YESTERDAY THAT "WE MUST GET WAR MATERIALS TO BRITAIN BY CONVOY IF NECESSARY."

Meanwhile Admiral Land urged Congress to rush passage of the Bill authorising the acquisition of 500,000 tons of idle foreign shipping in American ports, citing urgent shipping needs.

He hoped it would pass in two days but Congress leaders predicted it would take a fortnight. — International News Service.

WAITING FOR THE BIRDS TO COME HOME

In one crowded hour on Sunday night over an enemy-occupied aerodrome in occupied France, from which German bombers attack Britain, an R.A.F. fighter pilot attacked five Nazi raiders returning to their base.

Although he was unable to see the results of his attacks, says the Air Ministry news service, five enemy planes must be regarded as seriously damaged. — Reuter.

Single Control In Crete

The Allied forces in Crete are now under the command of the New Zealand Major-General Freyburg, V.C., Commander-in-Chief of the N.Z. Expeditionary Force.

This was announced in Canea (Crete) yesterday in the following Order of the Day by the Greek Premier and War Minister, M. Tsouderos:—

"In order better to conduct the struggle which we have undertaken with our powerful ally, Great Britain, His Majesty King George and his Government have decided that the Allied troops on the island should be placed under a single command."

"Major-General Freyburg has been appointed Commander-in-Chief of the forces on the island." — Reuter.

FANTASTIC STORY

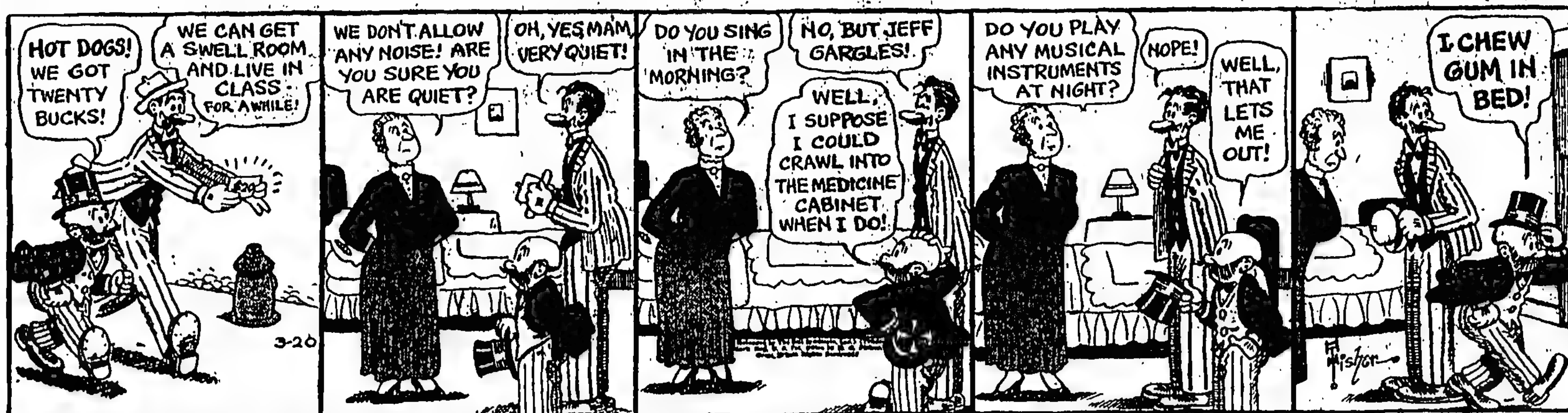
Twice yesterday Berlin radio broadcast a story that Australian troops at Singapore have refused to go to Egypt.

Authority given for the statement is Admiral Luetzow, addressing the court of naval strategy.

The Australian authorities in London dismiss the statement as fantastic, fortified by the knowledge that the Australians at Singapore are trying to get to Egypt to have a "go" at the enemy. — Reuter.

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AMERICA FIGHTS NAZI INFLUENCE IN VICHY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

THE UNITED STATES is attempting to influence France against accepting Nazi demands for full collaboration with Germany against Britain in Europe and Africa.

The U.S. Government is seeking to convince Vichy that it is not wise to yield to German demands for the passage of troops across unoccupied France to Spain for an assault on Gibraltar.

It is learned the Administration is ready to grant French pleas for large food shipments if Vichy will give concrete assurances that France will not cooperate further militarily with Berlin.

It is believed that Mr. Robert Murphy, Counsellor of the U.S. Embassy at Vichy, carried a message to this effect to the French regime from Washington.

One big reason for the U.S. Government's concern is a desire to prevent German control of Dakar, seven hours via bomber from Brazil.

Meanwhile Admiral Darlan has returned to Vichy from his talks with Abetz and other Nazi officials in Paris with it is reported, a German proposal that France restore and maintain control of all her colonies.

Darlan conferred with Marshal Petain, and it is reported Germany has offered cooperation in measures to throw the de Gaulle forces out of French Africa.

It is also rumoured the Reich is seeking permission to transit troops across Syria to Iraq. — International News Service.

SHANGHAI POLICE STRIKE AVERTED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The threatened strike in the western area of Shanghai special police was averted by the granting of an increase of \$70 for men with \$30 salaries, according to an official statement. — International News Service.

PLANNING A DREAM CITY OUT OF RUINS

Replanning of the centre of Coventry, with ringed, and radial roadways to relieve traffic congestion is proposed in a scheme adopted by the city council.

Historic buildings which escaped the big raid on November 14-15, and the cathedral ruins, are preserved as features in open spaces and gardens.

The scheme prepared by the city architect, Mr. D. E. Gibson, will be submitted to the Ministry of Works and Buildings for consideration as a guide to future legislation on the redevelopment of blitzed towns.

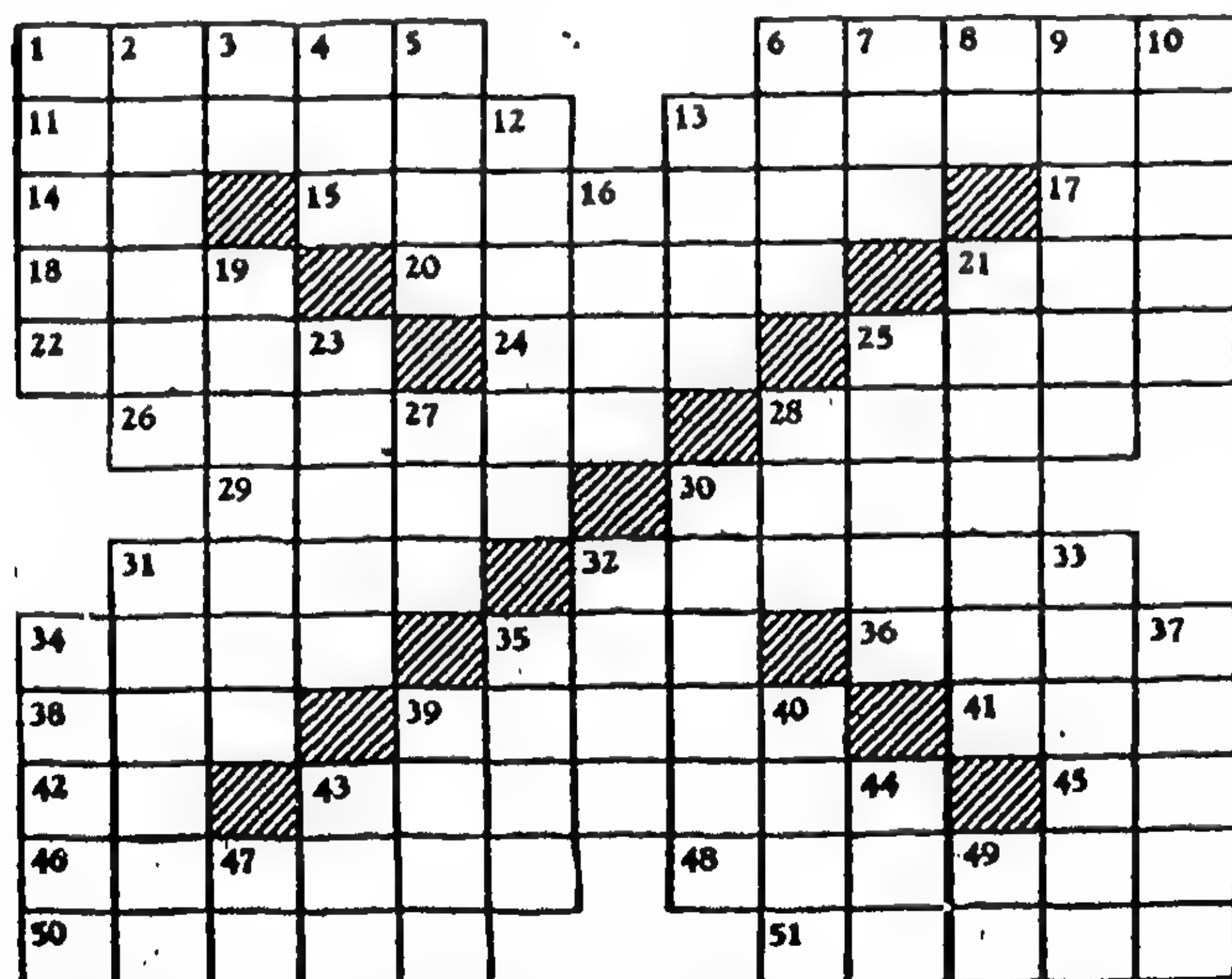
A new civic centre is grouped around a central park on the site of the present pool meadow and provision is made for an entertainment centre, big hotels, a main shopping centre and market on the arcade system.

Where rehousing becomes necessary it is proposed this should be in tall blocks of flats to release land for open spaces and gardens.

The Council also decided that the general rate when made should not exceed the present figure of 14s. in the pound.

In the absence of any announcement regarding Government policy, this proposal was based upon there being a Government grant equivalent to the loss of rate income arising from air raids.

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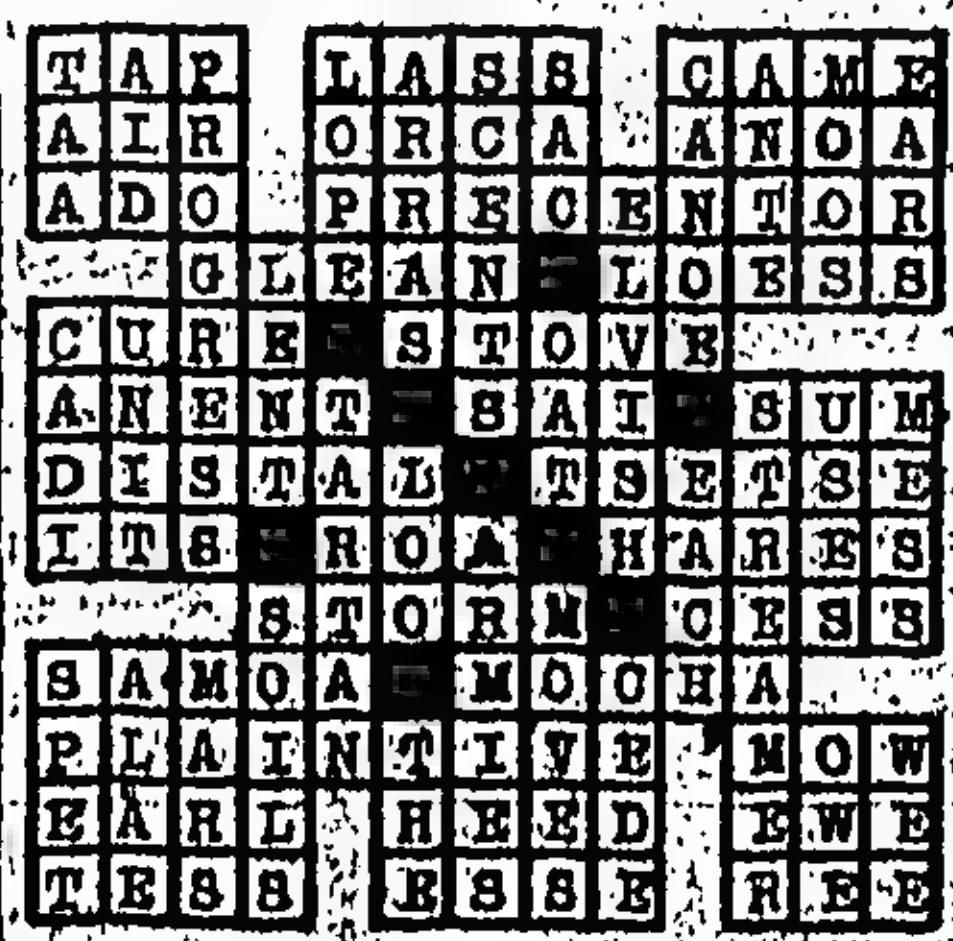
HORIZONTAL
1 To escape
6 Archaic pronoun
11 To receive
13 Anglo-Saxon freemen
14 Earth goddess
15 Removes
17 You and me
18 Bitter yetch
20 Style of type
21 Devoured
22 Bristle
24 Equality
25 Imitated
26 City in Colorado
28 Ancient musical instrument
29 Chills and fever
30 Dye plant
31 Pintail duck
32 Vulture
34 Pitcher
35 Sea-eagle
36 Protection
38 To shake
39 Characteristic
41 Pronoun
42 Latin conjunction

43 North American river
45 Symbol for tellurium
46 Fetters
48 Step
50 Movable shelters
51 Cymba lobe

VERTICAL
1 Borders
2 Turned
3 Arab (abbr.)
4 Acted
5 At any time
6 At that time
7 Possesses

8 Preposition
9 Neither masculine nor feminine
10 Ancient chariot
12 Epic poem
13 Former ruler
16 Persian poet
19 Large vessel
21 Justification
22 Wrath
25 Apart
27 Opening in a helmet
28 Girl's name
30 Pertaining to the Muses
31 To yrap
32 Rough rock
33 Turbulent person
34 To oust
35 Epochs
37 Undressed kid
39 Cans
40 Snare
43 Insect egg
44 Likely
47 Article
49 Hebrew letter

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



LEFT FILM TO JOIN UP

As the title of a gangster film flashed on the screen of a cinema in Exeter more than 200 boys hurriedly left for the exits. Yet they had come to the cinema expressly to see the film.

The youngsters had just heard a recruiting appeal for the Air Training Corps. It came at the end of a stage show by a band of R.A.F. entertainers.

The appeal urged the lads to "enrol now." So they signed on in the foyer of the cinema—the first of the second hundred thousand.

FROM BAD TO NURSE

A husband told the magistrate at Highgate, London: "When my wife made life somewhat difficult for me by expecting me to do the housework and wait on her hand and foot, I consulted friends older than us and they suggested a baby might make her more reasonable."

"A baby came along—and then my troubles increased."

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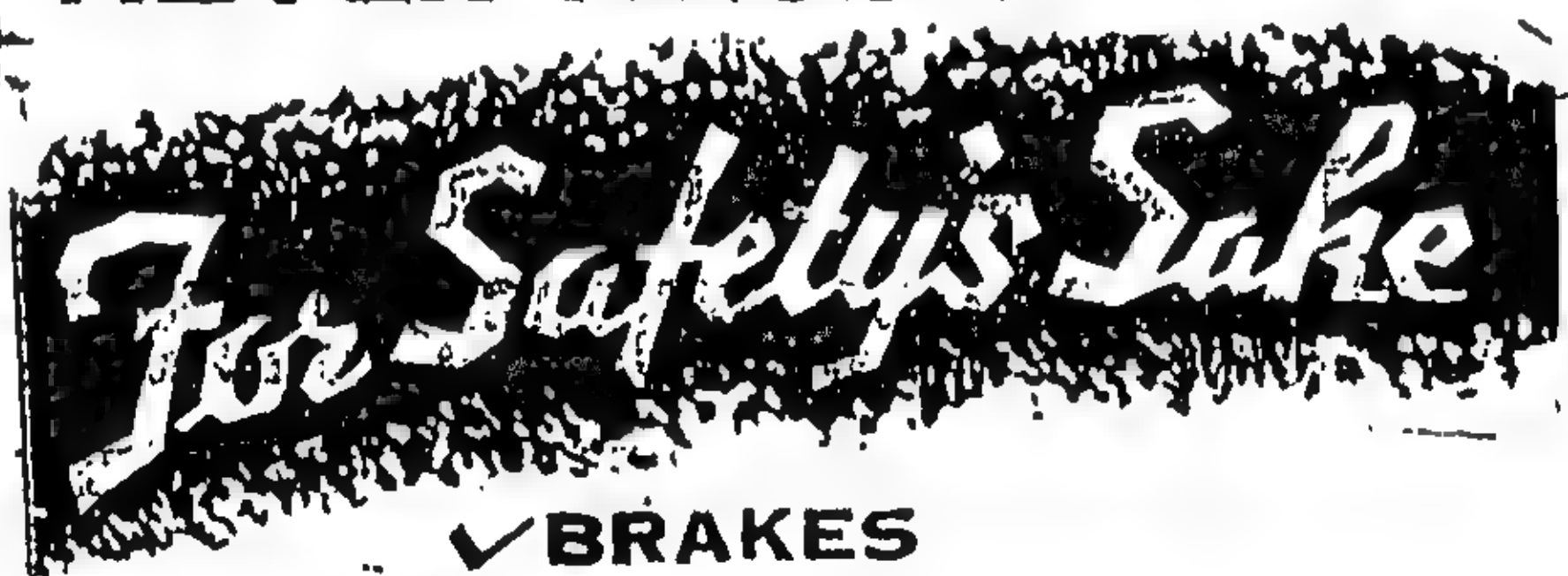
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RAILWAYMAN FOUND 1,000 IN SNOW

(By A Special Correspondent)

A RAILMAN, trying to fight his way to work during the great snowstorm which swept the North of England, stumbled by chance upon a thousand "lost" people — trapped in a string of six trains buried in drifts only five miles from Newcastle-on-Tyne. Some of the passengers were trapped for thirty-six hours.

Climbing over a drift the railman discovered he had landed on the roofs of some carriages which he presumed were empty. As he started to walk along this high level route through the snow, he was amazed to hear voices.

Then he found the buried carriages were packed with hungry men, women and children who had passed the night sleeping on floors, seats and luggage racks. Among them were several mothers with young children.

One after another six trains had been forced to stop until there was a string of about seventy-five stranded carriages.

36 Hours In Train

A passenger and the railwayman who had found the trains set out to seek help and made their way to the next station, and hours later managed to send a message to Newcastle.

Railway officials sought the aid of the military and in an hour and a half, the snowfall having stopped, a cavalcade of railway and army lorries laden with bread, pies, sausage rolls, cake, tea and a supply of goat's milk, set out to find and feed the lost thousand.

Six men rode with each lorry to clear the snow. Every quarter-mile they had to stop to dig their way through tremendous drifts. When they got within half a mile of the stranded trains they left the lorries to hew the remainder of the way.

Down this snow-walled road they carried the food to the starving passengers and milk for the children.

Some of the passengers were carried back on the return journey, but others had to stay on the trains until rescued by other lorries, spending in all thirty-six hours in the carriages.

Birds Hid In Buses

The Flying Scotsman, crack express, was snowbound for thirteen hours a few miles north of Newcastle, and reached Edinburgh the following afternoon — thirty hours late.

Two M.P.s—Mr. David Kirkwood and Mr. George Mathers—on a rail trip from London to Edinburgh, had to live on six biscuits each for a day and a half. The journey took fifty-five hours.

In Newcastle buses and trams were stranded in the streets for twenty-four hours as soldiers and roadmen struggled to clear the snow.

When the time came to move the buses and trams again the transportmen found that birds, exhausted by their struggle in the snow, had taken refuge in the vehicles and turned them into aviaries.

ATTACK ON DOCTOR

Charged with assaulting Ho Hung-on, 49, Chinese doctor, with a chopper, causing him grievous bodily harm yesterday, Lam Hau, 41, barber, was placed on a bond to be of good behaviour for one year, by Mr. H. C. Macnamara at Kowloon this morning.

It was stated that accused was principal tenant of No. 50, Temple Street and the doctor was a sub-tenant.

Accused was evicted by the landlord, because he owed \$170 rent.

Yesterday, accused returned to the house and removed some of doctor's things, resulting with an argument.

Accused was alleged to have used "a chopper" and struck the Chinese doctor on the head. The doctor was treated at Kowloon Hospital.

SHARP WARNING BY COURT

REMARKING THAT THERE WOULD BE AN ACCUMULATION OF CASES WEEK AFTER WEEK IF THOSE SUMMONED DID NOT APPEAR TO ANSWER SUMMONSES AT TIMES STATED, MR. H. C. MACNAMARA AT KOWLOON THIS MORNING INDICATED THAT HE WOULD IN FUTURE ISSUE WARRANTS FOR ARREST IF THOSE SUMMONED FAILED TWICE TO APPEAR BEFORE COURT.

The warning was given during the hearing of traffic summonses, when a number of defendants failed to appear.

No warrants were, however, issued this morning.

STANDARD ANGLO- U.S. 'PLANES

United States officials have worked out details for the standardisation of aircraft equipment in both countries, Major Gen. Henry H. Arnold, United States Air Chief, said in a press conference.

The standardisation of equipment was made "so that when our airplanes come over they will be equally acceptable as the British," he said. "The two countries are not hiding anything from each other in the matter of aircraft equipment."

THE WITCHES ARE AFTER OLD ADOLF

SOLEMN EFFORTS to destroy Hitler by witchcraft are being made nightly by a group of men and women in Washington, District of Columbia. These people, all believers in the power of sorcery, sit in a ring round a small cushion image of Hitler, sticking pins, needles and nails into it.

At the same time they chant stick things into the doll's vitals," he said.

The ritual of the anti-Hitler sessions was planned on the recommendation of William Seabrook, of New York, world authority on witchcraft.

Mr. Seabrook says that if Hitler hears about them, he may worry himself into a bad spell, and perhaps into the grave.

The history of witchcraft, he adds, records many cases of people being ruined by the knowledge of attempts to cast a spell on them.

And Mr. Tupper hopes that thousands of people all over the world will form similar witchcraft circles with the great ideal of casting the worst possible spell on Adolf.

Blood-Curdling

"They rasp out incantations that curdle your blood as they

MY HAT! IT'S MURDER

My hat! said Louis Blanea a New York night watchman when a lorry ran over his straw hat.

Louis never forgave the lorry driver, Joseph Libozetta and now, nearly a year after the loss of the hat, he shot him.

So Louis is in gaol awaiting trial for murder.

BROTHERS' FIGHT BRINGS OUT RIOT SQUAD

Two brothers, Mok Kang, 45, and Mok Lok, 33, were charged before Mr. D. J. N. Anderson with disorderly conduct by fighting in Kai Yan Road.

Sgt. Whitley said that second accused went to see his elder brother at 7.30 p.m. yesterday and asked for a loan of \$3. Refused, he got angry, seized an opium pipe and struck at his elder brother.

The wife of first defendant blew a police whistle and mistaking it for a fire alarm, the neighbours summoned the Fire Brigade and the Emergency Unit which arrived in time to see the two brothers still fighting.

Both were ordered to sign a bond promising to be of good behaviour for one year.

RECITAL AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE

Dr. William Lovelock has kindly consented to give a second Pianoforte Recital during his stay in Hong Kong. This Recital will again be given under the auspices of the Chamber Music Club, and will be held on Wednesday, 14th May, at 9.15 p.m. at Government House.

The programme contains representative works by Bach, Schumann, Brahms, Chopin, Debussy and Ireland.

CHINA MAIL
WINDSOR HOUSE

NOTHING OR EVERYTHING?

"Germany demanded nothing of England and France." Once again Hitler has stressed this point. It apparently mystifies him that these two countries should have declared war on the Third Reich. He speaks as if he cannot understand such a situation. It is possible he cannot. That may be why he refers to it so often in an attempt to justify the Nazi position.

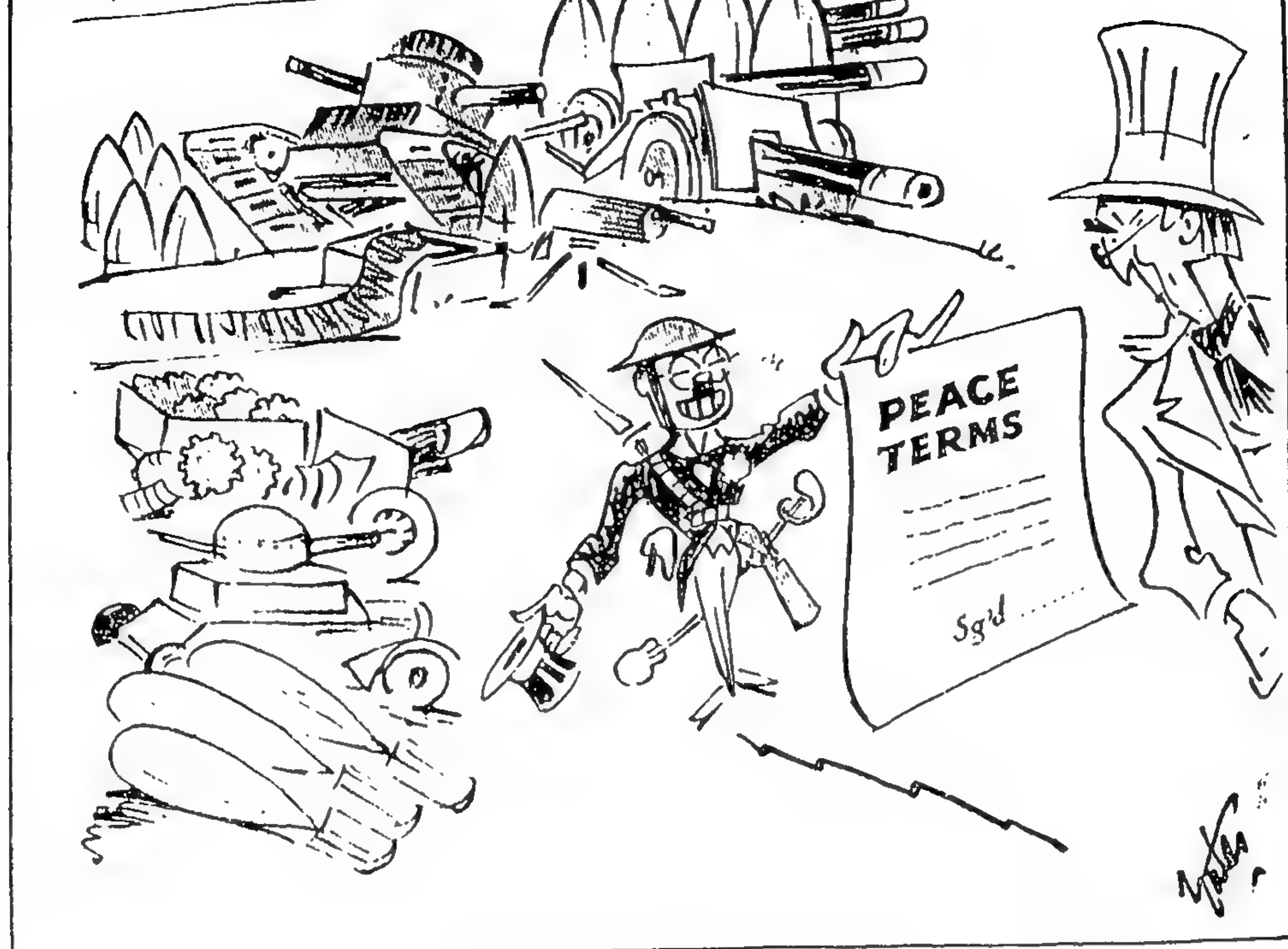
Herr Hitler speaks of Poland. It was not Poland that was so important to Britain, but a stable international society in which all nations, larger and smaller than Poland, could live in security. Poland was the final line drawn by the British after the trial of Nazi good faith in Czechoslovakia had brought disillusionment.

As a matter of strategy, the drawing of the line in Poland was not attractive. It was drawn there because public opinion in Britain would not wait until after another retreat to make a stand against aggression. So far from "thrusting Poland forward," as Herr Hitler charges British leaders with doing, Britain showed that she would have welcomed a peaceful settlement of the German claims against Poland if this could have been achieved by anything approaching real negotiation.

Statements that "Germany demanded nothing of England" must be meant for German ears alone. They do not help Nazi propaganda among free peoples. In fact, the statement that "Germany demanded nothing of England" is one answer to fence-sitters in the United States or elsewhere who suspect Britain of fighting "another imperialist war." Had Britain been content with the sort of Europe Nazism was aiming at, it need not have feared Nazi demands, according to Herr Hitler himself.

Then why is Britain fighting? For the same reason, evidently, that the United States is aiding Britain's fight. The position of neither of these countries is taken wholly in a spirit of self-sacrificing altruism. But both have developed a view of their own self-interest that inevitably includes the self-interest of other nations as well. Both are opposing Nazism because they are not sure they could exist as free nations

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Fleet Seeks The Enemy

By
"Taffrail"

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Ready To Meet The Foe

There was little real sleep on board our ship. Most of our armament was manned and ready for instant action. In spite of our deep movement, a few shrouded figures dozed beside their guns, while their fellows, connected by telephone to the control positions, remained alert and wakeful.

High up on the bridge, more filled with complicated instruments than any telephone exchange, officers and lookout men kept their ceaseless watch, sweeping the horizon with their glasses.

In a brilliantly lit room nearby, with every chink of light rigorously excluded, more officers bent over a chart, marking down this and that. Messages came flickering through the ether to the wireless cabinets, to be translated into language of significant purport.

In the engine, boiler and auxiliary machinery rooms more men drove the ship through the gradually rising sea. In a score of different places in the ship, in the bakery and galley, men went about their business. Passing through the darkened messdecks on my way forward I saw no more than a few oilskinned or duffcoated figures stretched uneasily out on the deck or the mess-stools.

Bugle calls and orders coming through the loudspeakers heralded the changing of the watches at midnight and 4 a.m. Overhead the wind howled and the seas came crashing over the forecabin. The long night moved slowly on.

The smell of breakfast pervaded the ship an hour before dawn. The meal was finished before the first pale gleams of wintry light came filtering through the clouds on the eastern horizon. We assumed the "first defence of readiness", the naval counterpart of standing

to arms. We had hoped, but were disappointed. Full daylight came to reveal a horizon, barren except for our own ships.

Continual Guard Against Air Attack

Visibility was extreme, with a sky heavily dappled with cloud. While some of our crew were allowed to leave their action stations the anti-aircraft armament remained almost wholly manned. We were not out of range of enemy bombers or reconnaissance planes.

It still blew half-a-gale, with a heavy, breaking swell rolling down from the horizon.

The weather faces of the swells were all furred and ruffled by the wind; their slopes streaked and patterned with a delicate network of yeasty white. The ships, particularly the destroyers, rolled and pitched and tumbled as they drove to windward. Breakfast, with daylight and full visibility, had all brought comfort. Yet a sense of disappointment remained.

We had hoped, with all the fervour we possessed, that daylight might bring the welcome sight of enemy masts and funnels silhouetted against the pale sky over the horizon. But it was not to be.

I was glad to have the chance of seeing something of the work of the Home Fleet at sea, for it is playing a most important part in the war.

What particularly struck me was the great keenness and cheerfulness of the officers and men, who are having a tough time with plenty of work at sea, in one of the most inhospitable areas in the world.

I met some who had not set foot out of their ships for six and eight months. Yet I never heard a grumble, though not a few were a little jealous because their comrades in the Mediterranean were having all the fun. They were all so intensely keen to come to grips with the enemy.

My chief impressions were those of silent watchfulness, and each man doing his job.

The vigilance and readiness of the fleet were borne in upon me, again and again, and I was at sea in three different ships—a destroyer, a cruiser, and a battleship. Some day that eternal vigilance must be rewarded.

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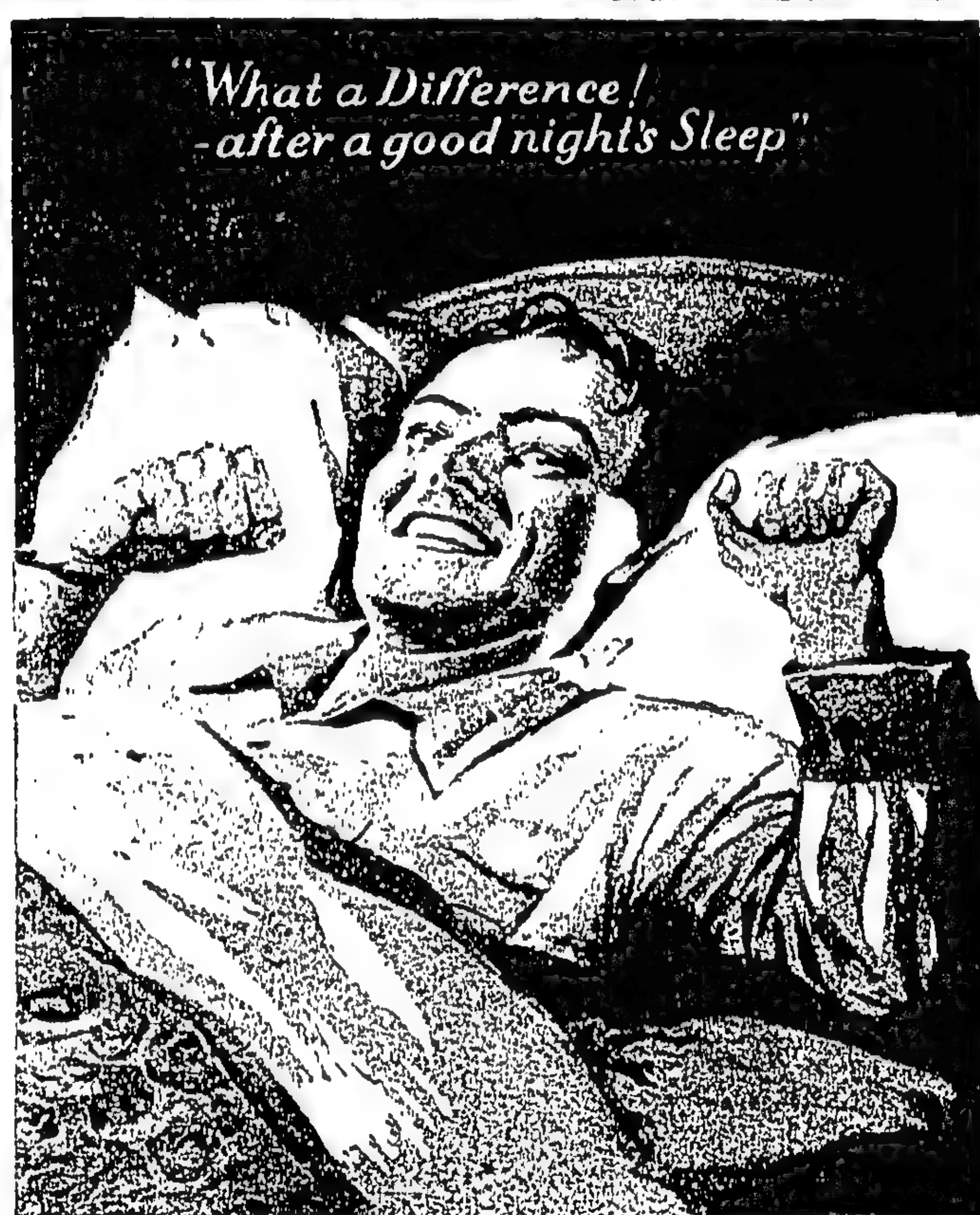
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LICKING WOUNDS AT TOBRUK

THE MILITARY SPOKESMAN IN CAIRO YESTERDAY DESCRIBED THE POSITION AT TOBRUK AS, "BOTH SIDES ARE STILL LICKING THEIR WOUNDS."

On the first day of the latest attack, he added, the enemy made a breach of 2,000 yards like a blister in the south-west part of the outer perimeter but new British defence lines had been built across this point, which was some miles from the inner defence line.

He said it was quite probable that the enemy had lost a total of 50 tanks hitherto.

Communications by sea remained open and a number of prisoners had already been shipped.

Reviewing the position in Abyssinia, the spokesman said the British threat to Amba Alagi continued to make progress.

Indian troops, mostly Wahlis, had been doing real mountaineering, dragging guns and supplies up the mountainside.

The situation looked good. Prisoners had been taken and a counter-attack had been defeated.

Nazis Surprised

An official communique says that on the night of May 3/4 our troops at Tobruk launched a counter-attack, inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy and breaking up preparations which were being made for a renewal of the attack!

In the Sollum area, our mechanised forces were again active. Several enemy detachments were successfully engaged, with losses in personnel and armoured fighting vehicles.

In the Debub area of Abyssinia Indian troops occupied Emadani and Uletheri, on May 3.

More Prisoners

During the course of this operation, a heavy counter-attack by the enemy in greatly superior forces was driven back, leaving an officer and 250 other ranks prisoners in our hands.

On Sunday, further important positions were occupied and the advance upon Amba Alagi is steadily progressing.

A large number of enemy troops have surrendered. The number has not yet been counted.

In the southern districts further progress is reported by all our columns operating in pursuit of the enemy.—Reuter.

America Will Come In

"America will come into the war," said General Smuts, the South African Premier, in the Senate yesterday, "not as a result of propaganda but because her people feel that she should participate."

"NO NATION WHICH THINKS OF THE FUTURE CAN REMAIN OUT OF THE WAR."

Stressing his belief in future cooperation between nations, General Smuts said "I don't see any one nation playing top dog over all the rest."

The day must surely come, he said, when America, Great Britain and the Commonwealth of Nations must be very much closer than in the past.

He blamed the spirit of competition among nations and the desire of one nation to play overlord in the present catastrophic happenings.—Reuter.

DIRECT HITS ON WARSHIPS

A great load of armour-piercing bombs was carried to Brest on Sunday night by the R.A.F. to drop on the two Nazi battle-cruisers Scharnhorst and Gneisenau, states the Air Ministry news service.

The continued presence of the battle-cruisers at Brest, after five weeks, suggests, adds the news service, that either they have developed some grave defect while at sea or, what is more probable, that Brest has proved a very poor shelter.

ON SUNDAY NIGHT THEY SHOWED UP CLEARLY UNDER THE MOON AND PILOTS REPORT VERY ACCURATE BOMBING, WITH DIRECT HITS ON BOTH CRUISERS.

They made for the port late in March to be refuelled and to munition ship. These tasks can normally be completed in 24 hours.

Sticks of the heaviest bombs also fell repeatedly across the dry dock in which one vessel was berthed and about a jetty where the other was tied up.—Reuter.

SHEK-O ROAD INCIDENT

PAYMASTER-LIEUT. J. S. THEOBALD, R.N., WAS SUMMONED BEFORE MR. H. G. SHELTON, K.C., THIS MORNING, FOR DRIVING WITHOUT DUE CARE AND CAUTION IN SHEK-O ROAD ON APRIL 20.

Detective Sergeant J. Scott, of the Special Branch, in evidence, said that at about 5.35 p.m. on April 20, he was driving towards Shek-O, when he saw a Bentley sports car driven by the accused coming from the opposite direction at a terrific speed. He had to apply the brakes immediately to avoid a collision. Miss M. Scott, who was with Sgt. Scott at the time, corroborated.

In view of his good record, accused was cautioned.

Traffic Sergeant J. Hunter prosecuted.

DYNAMITE FOUND

Charged with unlawful possession of 20 sticks of dynamite, a 25-year-old mining foreman, Wong Hok-ching, was remanded for three days by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., this morning.

Accused was found in possession of the dynamite when searched by a constable in Eastern Street yesterday afternoon.

Sgt. McLeod is in charge of the case.

BED CURLERS IN COLOURS

Multi-coloured ribbons are the latest going-to-bed feminine fashion.

Shortage of metal curlers is the cause of it. Most of the shops are sold out of pre-war stocks and it looks as if there will be no more metal curlers until after the war.

Ribbon-curlers are the rage in many A.T.S. camps. They are more attractive than strips of rag and girls are wearing them in mixed shades, patch-work style.

"Some of the girls have ribbons and silks to match their nighties, pyjamas and dressing gowns," an A.T.S. girl said.

COLONY SHIPPING CONTROL

Price Query

The price of coal has risen at least three hundred per cent.; from twenty-three dollars per ton it has soared to ninety-six.

A similar rise has occurred in firewood. It would be an excellent thing says the May number of "St. John's Review," if some local economist could give us the details by which we could learn exactly where the money difference goes.

In Britain it has been the policy to keep the price of necessities down almost to pre-war levels by subsidy or by control and to raise the price of luxuries as high as possible.

There is a shipping control in Britain and there is shipping control in Hong Kong. Are the two systems the same, or is the question complicated by the fact that the major portion of our goods comes to Hong Kong in non-British ships?

Cardinal Principle

A simple account of shipping control would help us to understand how much the government is rightly benefitting from the increased prices we have to pay for the necessities of life. The mood of the moment is that such increased costs are only tolerable if the war effort is being supported by them but not otherwise.

The cardinal principle of this war is that no one is entitled to share in the victory, if he comes out of it richer than he would have been had the war not occurred.

Millions of British people are voluntarily giving their best to win this war, it is reasonable that they should be assured that no one is taking a selfish advantage of the crisis.

QUISLING ON A PEDESTAL

Quisling who betrayed his country to the Nazis is preparing to erect a statue of himself in Oslo, according to reports received by the Norwegian Consul-General in Montreal.

HITLER'S INACCURATE FIGURES ON GREECE

ALTHOUGH IT IS GENERALLY AGREED THAT HITLER'S LATEST SPEECH TO THE REICHSTAG WAS DEFINITELY CONCOCTED FOR GERMAN CONSUMPTION SOME SURPRISE IS EXPRESSED THAT A MAN CLAIMING TO BE SUCH AN INVINCIBLE CONQUEROR SHOULD FEEL IT NECESSARY TO DISTORT FIGURES TO SUPPORT HIS CASE.

Information available in London proves that the figures he gave of German troops employed in the campaign are quite inaccurate and a certain suspicion attaches to his extremely low estimate of German losses — losses which might have been admitted at a higher and possibly more truthful figure without danger to prestige.

It is a revealing fact that his claim to have sunk or damaged over 200 British ships during the Greek campaign is carefully omitted from the version of the speech in English.

One of the widest general distortions is Hitler's claim that Germany has been the largest purchaser in Balkan markets and had paid for products with the labour of the industrial workers of Germany and not with foreign exchange.

Bitter Complaints

It is well known that even before the war Balkan countries were complaining bitterly of useless goods Germany was dumping upon them in exchange for their own useful commodities.

Many small shops in a Balkan town have been stocked with high grade cameras and microscopes of German make which were quite unsellable but were all the return to be gained out of trade pacts.

In different vein were Hitler's tributes to his ally.

Mussolini must have rejoiced at receiving congratulations on the Italian army having "weakened" the Greek army after six months fighting.

"Delighted"

The Duce must have been even more delighted, as junior partner in the Axis, to hear from his generous senior partner that his "setback" in Africa — in which he lost his Libyan army — was due to the technical inferiority of the anti-tank defences and of the tanks themselves.

Most significant of all was, however, Hitler's claim that next year the German soldier will get even better arms.

This reference to the future, together with Hitler's call for more women industrial workers and for the taking of necessary measures "with Nazi determination and thoroughness" to harness the entire labour power of the nation to the most gigantic armament process in history, is in ironic conflict with Hitler's own New Year promise to the German people of a speedy victory during the present year. — British Wireless.

CONCHIE—OBJECTED TO UNDRESSING

QUOTING THE SCRIPTURES THAT IT WAS IMPROPER TO BE SEEN NAKED, A CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTOR, RONALD JOHN BROWN, OF MANOR FARM, CORSCOMBE, DORSET, REFUSED TO STRIP AT A MEDICAL EXAMINATION.

Summoned at Bristol Police Court for failing to submit himself for medical examination when liable for national service, he was fined 10s. The chairman told him he would be taken by a policeman to have his examination.

Brown told the Court: "I consider it wrong to be stripped and I gave my reasons to the medical examiners."

QUEEN WILHELMINA TO BROADCAST

Queen Wilhelmina is to broadcast in the Radio Orange programme at 6.45 p.m. (G.M.T.) in the evening transmission of the B.B.C.'s European service on Saturday, May 10, says Reuter from London.

INTERNEED PILOTS ESCAPE

By Reuter's Special Correspondent

After escaping from internment in Djibouti, Somaliland, three members of the R.A.F., six South Africans and two Greeks, eager to join the Greek forces, have arrived in British Somaliland.

The R.A.F. men landed in French territory when they ran short of fuel on their way back from a raid. They made the landing in darkness and miraculously escaped when one remaining bomb in the rack exploded.

They were imprisoned and later sent to Djibouti.

The South Africans similarly made a forced landing in French territory, believing themselves in British territory, and they also were sent to Djibouti.

Rejoin Formations

Their escape was well planned and after crossing the border two of the men left the others and crossed overland to Zeila against a blustering wind, which whipped salt sand in their eyes and faces.

At Zeila they were able to arrange for a dhow to be sent to fetch the others and they have all now rejoined their formations. — Reuter.

IRAQ GESTURE

Iraq is reported to have decided to resume diplomatic relations with Germany, says the Vichy news agency quoted by Reuter.

HAILE SELASSIE'S RETURN

THE FORTHCOMING RE-ENTRY OF EMPEROR HAILE SELASSIE INTO ADDIS ABABA, IN ANTICIPATION OF WHICH THE ETHIOPIAN CAPITAL IS BEING DECORATED AND DIGNITARIES ARE CROWDING IN, IS AROUSING THE DEEPEST ENTHUSIASM AMONG THE LOCAL POPULATION, REPORTS OF WHICH ARE RECEIVED BY THE BRITISH PEOPLE WITH GREAT SYMPATHY.

"The Times" draws attention to the significance of these events to the rest of Africa. Africans everywhere have had their faith restored in Britain as the champion of justice for African peoples.

Politically and economically the assistance which Britain is able to render to the development of restored Abyssinia will serve as the touchstone of British policy in the future development of Colonial Africa. — British Wireless.

ENEMY SHIPS HARRIED FROM NORWAY TO FRANCE

AIRCRAFT OF THE Coastal Command took advantage of moonlight on Sunday night to harry the enemy from Norway to the coast of Brittany, states the Air Ministry news service.

A German supply ship of 3,000 tons, anchoring in the Skagerrak in convoy, was bombed and hit a few minutes after midnight by a Blenheim, the pilot of which made three runs over the target. Clouds of black smoke belched from the ship's bows.

Other Blenheims on the same patrol straddled a second supply ship with bombs and attacked docks at Egersund, in southern Norway.

The gunner of a Blenheim which reconnoitred Stavanger shot out three troublesome searchlights. Blenheims also bombed Querqueville aerodrome, near Cherbourg, and hit barracks.

Another Coastal Command squadron attacked docks at St. Nazaire, on the Breton coast. In a few minutes there was a great rectangle of fire in the naval base. Incoming pilots saw a series of explosions and added their own bomb load to the havoc.

Dive Attack

One of the aircraft attacking Brest made a dive attack on a Nazi battle-cruiser, going down from 4,000 to 2,000 feet before he pulled out and dropped his bombs. The attack was concentrated rather than prolonged. It began shortly before midnight but in the two hours that followed great

damage was done not only in the neighbourhood of the battle cruisers but among docks and quayside buildings on both sides of the harbour mouth.

Large Prize

Columns of smoke and the red glare of fires were left behind. Among other aircraft operating further north one had a successful encounter with an enemy vessel.

The pilots was about to attack two small boats off Antwerp when in the moonlight he saw a larger prize. He circled round to find a supply ship of 1,500 tons.

The pilot said: "I came down to about 20 feet above the bridge of the ship and we let go our bombs. I thought we had missed. Then a searchlight from the shore suddenly obliged us. In its beam we could see columns of thick smoke going up from the ship to above 500 feet. There was then no doubt we had scored a direct hit." — British Wireless.

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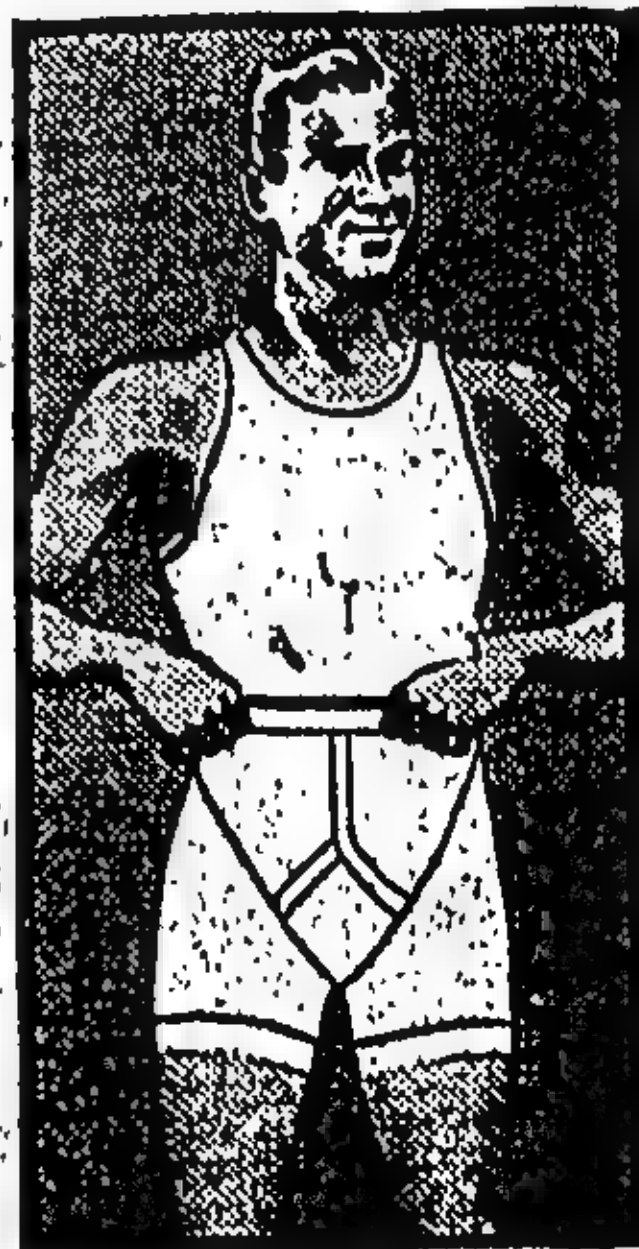
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COUNTING THE HAND

By The Four Aces

Ingenious play together with good counting enabled South to make his contract:

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♠ A 4 3
♥ K 7 6
♦ A J 3 2
♣ Q 6 4

♠ 8 7 2
♥ Q
♦ Q 8 7 6
♣ A J 9 7

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♠ 10 9
♥ A J 10 9
♦ 8 4 3 2
♣ 5 2

♠ K Q J 6 5
♥ 6
♦ K 10 4
♣ K 10 8 3

The bidding:

| North | East | South | West |
|-------|------|-------|------|
| 1♦ | 3♥ | 3♠ | Pass |
| 4♠ | Pass | Pass | Pass |

West opened the Queen of hearts, and was allowed to hold the trick. He shifted to a trump, and South drew three rounds of the suit. The bidding and West's shift from hearts indicated that East had an eight-card heart suit; and since East had already played two trumps, it was clear that he had started with only three cards in the minor suits.

Declarer therefore decided to play West for the diamond Queen, and laid down the King of diamonds, followed by the ten. West covered the ten of diamonds with the Queen, and dummy won with the Ace. When East followed to one round of diamonds, South could be sure that the clubs would break 4-2. There was therefore some danger of losing three club tricks in addition to the heart already lost.

After some thought, South returned a heart from the dummy and ruffed in his own hand. And West could not find a safe discard. If he discarded a club, South could safely tackle that suit and lose only two club tricks. So West discarded a diamond.

Thereupon, South led a diamond to dummy's Jack and returned a diamond, discarding a club from his own hand. West had to win and return clubs, so that South lost only one club trick.

Yester day you were Oswald Jacoby's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ 10 7
♥ A 9
♦ Q 10 5 3
♣ A Q J 7 4

The bidding:

| Major | Jacoby | Schankel | You |
|-------|--------|----------|-----|
| 1♥ | 1♠ | Pass | 2♠ |
| 2♦ | 3♠ | Pass | (?) |

ANSWER: Bid three no-trump. If your partner's strength is largely distributional, he will take you back to clubs; and if he has high-card strength, he will leave you in the easier no-trump contract.

Score 100% for three no-trump, 50% for five clubs, 30% for four clubs.

Question No. 708

To-day you hold the same hand, and the bidding continues:

| Major | Jacoby | Schankel | You |
|-------|--------|----------|-----|
| 1♥ | 1♠ | Pass | 2♠ |
| 2♦ | 3♠ | Pass | 3NT |
| Dbl. | Pass | Pass | (?) |

What do you bid? (Answer To-morrow.)

(Released by The Bell Syndicate, Inc.)

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about it.

"Her death was a shock to her unit. All the members attended her funeral."

Lady Moore was on a brief visit to the house. The owner, an R.A.M.C. officer, was called out on duty shortly before the bomb fell.

A man confined to bed with flu in an upper room escaped.

Mrs. Parley was an ambulance driver too.

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(By A Special Correspondent)

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GIRL FOUND JOB TO FORGET

(BY A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT)

Soon after her airman-husband was killed at Narvik, a grief-stricken girl left England for her native land, Australia.

But she returned, said to an officer of the Mechanised Transport Corps: "Please give me plenty of work to help me to forget."

And Mrs. Mollie Orton became an ambulance driver. She worked hard and was one of twelve volunteers for service in Greece.

But when the Duchess of Kent inspected the Greek unit, Mrs. Orton was not there.

It was not until later that the corps learned that she had been killed by a bomb the night before. She was twenty-six.

With her died two of her friends—Lady Moore, widow of Sir John Moore, Director of the Army Veterinary Service in the last war, and Lady Moore's youngest daughter, Mrs. Patricia Parley.

Keen And Courageous

Their deaths were announced. Lady Moore's housekeeper, Mrs. Rebecca Henry, was also killed in the house, which was demolished by the bomb.

"Mrs. Orton had a cheerful personality and was popular with her unit," Miss Alison Tennant, Lady Oxford's niece, who is in charge of the Greek unit, told me.

"She was keen on her work and was a courageous woman. Her husband's death was a great blow to her, but she did not brood over it."

"She was quite willing to talk

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"We are trying to give our employees who stay on the premises something as near home life as it is possible to provide in an office," the staff manager of the bank told me.

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Week's Programme

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"On Tuesday, most of the staff went round the corner to another bank's dance they have their own staff band.

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OFF THE RECORD

By ED REED

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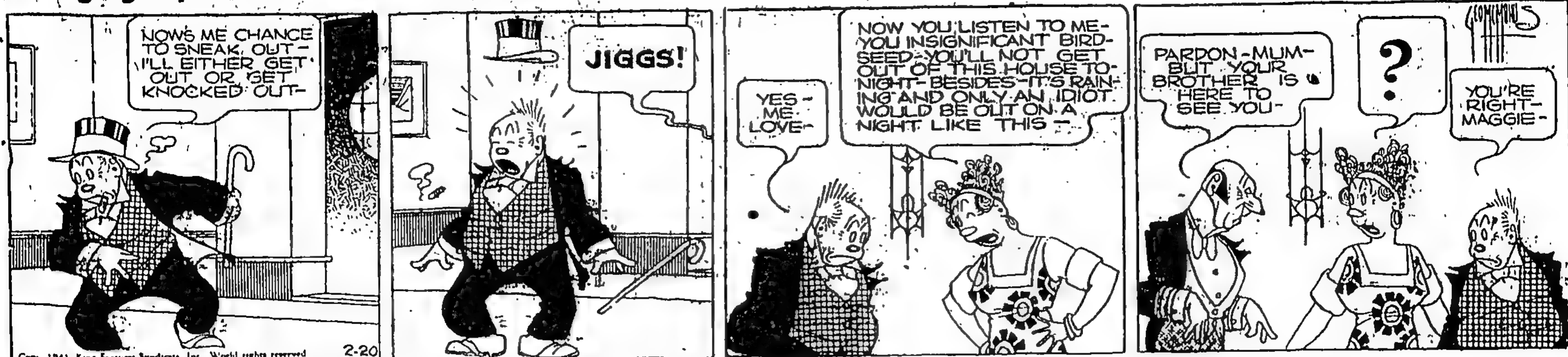
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Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



A PAGE FOR WOMEN For Spring Fillip

The very next time you are blue and a bit disgruntled with yourself, take an hour and devote it to grooming. Begin by rubbing a lovely perfumed oil all over your skin before you take a nice warm shower. Enough of the fragrance and oil will remain on your skin after you are dry.

The next step is to use a body sachet of the same fragrance as the oil. You rub this scented powder all over you and the warmth of your freshly bathed skin will bring out the latent perfume and envelope you in the most fascinating of fragrances.

Such a skin perfuming will no doubt inspire you to brush and comb your hair into the prettiest of arrangements and then you will glance at your nails and realize that a fresh manicure will make your fingers look ever so much more beautiful.

That brings us right to the point of painting a pretty face. You might like to experiment with that junior make-up kit which recently made its debut on your cosmetic counter. It contains three shades of powder base (you'll use all three before the summer has ended), two eye-shadow colours, two shades of mascara, a rouge and a lipstick, and two little brushes to help you with your art! Who knows but what ten minutes will make you into a fascinating siren instead of a dejected, disgruntled female.

The Final Step

Nothing puts self-confidence into a woman quicker than a new hat. It is not too early to shop for one and it is an especially good time to buy one when you are groomed to the last step. Slip into the suit or coat you like the best, spray (just for luck) your most favourite perfume on your lapels and hair, and start out determined to get yourself a bonnet which will do something for you. Don't buy just another hat — shop until you find the hat — one that will make every female friend you have exclaim with envy. It may cost a dollar ninety-eight or it may cost lots more—the price doesn't matter. It is how it looks on you that is important. If you take a perky, nicely fashioned face to the shop the chances are you will get better service from the clerk and you will adore that bonnet until it is too shabby to wear.

So begone with you — there is no use in indulging in the blues!



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Thickened Waistline



Once you let your waistline grow thick you are bound to lose grace of movement and figure beauty. A woman's waist was fashioned by nature to be slim—it is mostly all muscle. It divides her body in two so she may have the utmost freedom of movement to bend forward or backward, to twist, to relax.

As we enter middle-age the waistline is bound to increase slightly in measurement but one should never allow it to increase so that it is the biggest measurement. Even giving birth to several children is not sufficient reason in these enlightened days for the "corporation"—one sees on many mature women. Post-pregnancy exercises which most physicians urge women to take, should restore normal proportions to one's figures.

Most women develop thick waistline through a stupid habit—that of resting the upper part of the body on the stomach or abdomen. Sit in a chair when you are not wearing a girdle or a corset, and let your upper body slump down. Place a hand on your waistline after you have slumped. Then pull in your abdomen and raise the upper part of your body by straightening your shoulders and throwing your head back—you will feel your waistline slim inches!

Form A Habit

Now it is just as easy to form a good habit as it is to form a

bad habit. Sitting on your stomach is a bad habit. Consciously form a habit of holding your stomach in and your shoulders back. Thus those all important waistline muscles will be gradually firmed and you will not have the desire to slump when you walk or sit.

For those of you who are pretty limber of body, I suggest a marvelous exercise which requires the assistance of a friend. It is illustrated above. Lie over a hassock on your thighs—the upper part of your body is free. While someone holds your ankles, firmly lower your head and shoulders until you touch the floor. Hands are clasped behind head. Then slowly raise your head and shoulders to the position shown in Figure 1.

Part II.

To get its full benefit this splendid hip and waist slenderizing exercise must be repeated lying on your buttocks, as in Figure 2. While ankles are held firmly, again lower upper body until head touches floor, then slowly raise yourself to a sitting position. You will feel muscles pull which you never knew you had! But please do not strain yourself. Do this entire exercise once the first day and increase one time each day until you can do it five times with feeling lame!

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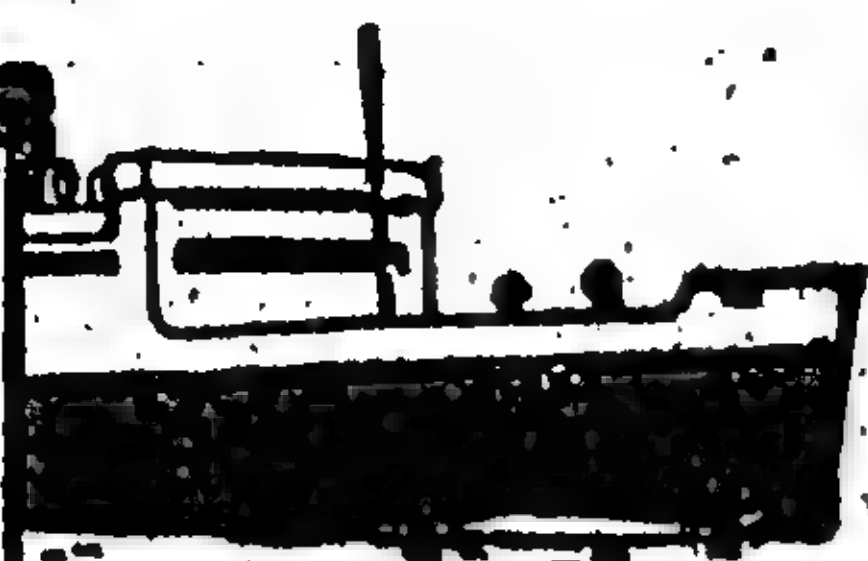
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12.45 p.m.—Sea Shanties by John Goss

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(a) A Dollar and a half a day; (b)

The hog's eye man (arr. Terry).

(a) One more day; (b) On the

banks of Sacramento (arr. Harris).

(a) Haul away, Joe; (b) What shall

we do with the drunken sailor (arr.

Terry). (a) Fire down below; (b)

Hullabaloo Balay (arr. Harris).

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7.15 p.m.—London Relay—"Questions

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7.30 p.m.—Portuguese Programme.

8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and An-

ouncements.

8.02 p.m.—A Programme of Hill Billy

Music.

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taineers with Bunk House boys. The

Prairie is my Home (from "Guns of the

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(a) Underneath the Old Pine Tree; (b) The

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Campbell & his Hill Billy Band; Riding the

Range in the Sky (Harry Carlton); Twi-

light on the Trail (film "The Trail of the

Lonesome Pine")... Winifred Thomas

(Baritone) & The Good Companion.

8.32 p.m.—Albert Sandler and His Or-

chestra with Grace Moore (Soprano). Mas-

querade (Loeb); I Want Your Heart

(Haydn Wood)... Albert Sandler & his

Orchestra. The Whistling Boy; Our Song

(both from film "When You're in Love")

Grace Moore (Soprano) with Orchestra.

Isn't it Romantic (Theime Song. "Love Me

To-night"); Always in my Heart (Turk &

Coats)... Albert Sandler & his Orchestra.

Without Your Love (Operetta "The Dubar-

ry")... Grace Moore (Soprano) & Richard

Crooks (Tenor) with Orch. Souvenir D'Ukraine

(Ferraris)... Albert Sandler & his Or-

chestra.

9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News &

News Commentary.

9.15 p.m.—"The Hope of a New World"

No. 2: "God and Freedom". Record-

ed talk by the Archbishop of York.

9.33 p.m.—Excerpts from Mozart's "The

Magic Flute".

Hm, Hm, Hm! Der Arme Kann Von

Strafe Sagen... E. Berger & A. Gorn

(Soprano). E. Rutkics (Con-

tralto). M. Hlzel (Tenor). K. A. Neumann

(Baritone), with the State Opera Or-

chestra. O Loveliness Beyond Compare...

David Lloyd (Tenor) with Orchestra. Within

These Sacred Walls... Ivar Andersen

(Bass) with Orchestra.

9.45-10.00 p.m.—News in French (on

Short Wave only).

9.45 p.m.—Glasgow — "Stenka" Ra-

line" Orchestra of the Brussels

SAFE, THEY GIVE THANKS IN SONG

(By A Special Correspondent)

IN THE TINY CHAPELS in the Welsh hills around battered Swansea — where fires still smouldered after three successive nights of raids—women and children sang hymns of thanksgiving in their native tongue.

Before them lay pathetic heaps of pillows and blankets, all many of them could save from wrecked homes before setting out on the trek for safety.

These chape's are their homes for the time being.

When dawn came after a peaceful night, they tidied up their beds before the minister came to take the usual Sunday morning service.

Other people found sanctuary in the little holiday bungalow town on the cliffs at The Mumbles, the beauty spot at the other end of Swansea Bay.

But their menfolk and the young girls went to their jobs as usual.

He Lost Four

And bandaged victims went back to their homes to salvage what they could from the wreckage.

There were many tales of heroism in the town when all the members of the Swansea Town Council got back to their desks in the undamaged civic centre, around which are several bomb craters.

The Mayor (Councillor Thomas James) declared that no one should go hungry. There had been no panic—no fear.

"There is an unmistakable will on the part of Swansea people to get back to work and carry on in the Welshman's spirited way," he told a reporter.

One of the men setting that example was already at work in the civic centre—the chairman of the local A.R.P. committee, Mr. Percy Morris.

Air raids have robbed him of his wife, sister, brother-in-law and eighteen-year-old nephew, who was fire-watching during the blitz.

Despite his sorrow, he was one of the first officials back to his desk.

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with Piano. The Almond Tree,

Op. 94... (Soprano) with

Elsie Suddaby (Soprano). With

Piano. Dream Visions, Op. 12, No.

7... Vladimir Horowitz (Piano).

The Lotus Flower... Benjamin Gil-

gli (Tenor) with Orchestra. Sym-

phony No. 1 in B Flat Major, Op.

38—1st Mov.: Andante—Allegro

molto vivace—Allegro; 2nd Mov.:

Larghetto; 3rd Mov.: Scherzo Molto

vivace; 4th Mov.: Allegro animato e

grazioso—Allegro... Chicago Sym-

phony Orchestra conducted by

Frederick Stock.

11.00 p.m.—Close down.

UNION SUES POLICE CHIEF

The allegations that Sir John Maxwell, Chief Constable of Manchester, dismissed a fireman because of a letter he wrote to his trade union secretary was made at Manchester County Court.

Counsel who made the allegation said that Sir John apparently had a complete dislike of anything connected with trade unions, and regarded a fireman who had any dealings with a trade union as a person who ought not to continue those activities. Such a man was liable to instant dismissal for such activities without any rights of redress.

The case was one in which the Fire Brigades' Union claimed the return of a letter and completed application forms for membership of the union, and damages for their wrongful detention.

Judgment was given against the Chief Constable, who was ordered to return the forms, but not the letter. Damages were assessed at £5 on the immediate handing over of the forms.

Mr. D. McIntyre, for the Union, explained that Manchester was one of the few cities where the obsolete system remained of the fire brigade being carried on under police control.

Counsel said that Charles Greenfield, a Manchester fireman, wrote to the union's secretary last November and enclosed twenty-eight completed union application forms. The letter did not reach the Chief Constable.

Later, Greenfield came before Sir John, and was charged with acting in a manner likely to bring discredit on the force, and with divulging fire brigade matters to someone not connected with the brigade.

Greenfield mentioned bad conditions at A.F.S. stations, referred to in his letter, and the Chief Constable said, "That has always been your failing, Greenfield. You are dismissed."

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SHE WAS LATE— GOT G.M.

With coal gas escaping from a broken main, wreckage falling all around, and German raiders raining down bombs in the light of flares, an eighteen-year-old assistant nurse went to the rescue of a youth hanging upside down by his ankles in a bombed house.

She crawled into a narrow hole to comfort him, stayed with him for over an hour until his release though several times nearly overcome by gas, and then gave first aid.

Now this heroine of the Southampton blitz, Miss Mary Sible Joyce Newman, of Magdalen Road, Bitterne, Southampton has been awarded the George Medal.

Helped Father, Son

She was off duty when the bombing began, but immediately went out to help. A bomb struck two houses.

In one the four occupants were killed outright. Nurse Newman attended to the injuries of a man blown through the front door of the other house, then went to the aid of the trapped youth, his son, aged nineteen.

And when it was all over the the eighteen-year-old nurse suddenly realised she was late for duty at her hospital. She hurried there with a note from an A.R.P. official to explain why.

Later she said: "The gas made me feel sleepy. Once one of the rescue squad trod on my toe and woke me up.

"I didn't feel the effects much until the next afternoon—and then, well talk about delayed action!"

Other George Medals have been awarded to Works Superintendent Owen Edward Parsloe and Leader Walter Thomas Field, of Bromley A.R.P., and Constable John Eustace Cyril Hayman, City of London Police.

STOCK EXCHANGE QUIETLY FIRM

The London Stock Exchange was quietly firm yesterday. Gilt-edged, home rails and a few leading industrials maintained early small advances but business failed to develop, apart from some professional support of home rails. Oils were dull, Kafirs irregular and foreign issues inclined to be easy. Wall Street was quietly steady.—Reuter.

REBUKE FOR M.P. BY HOME SECRETARY

MRS. TATE, Conservative M.P. for Frome, Somerset, was sternly rebuked by the Home Secretary in the House of Commons when she made espionage allegations against a Czech servant girl.

Mrs. Tate asked if it were not true that the girl, Sophie Spellman, was employed in officers' billets, that she was engaged to a Nazi officer, and that she had expressed a desire to engage in espionage work for the Nazi Government.

Amid loud cheers and cries of "Scandalous," the Home Secretary retorted sternly:

"I think if Mrs. Tate had that information in her possession she should have given it privately.

"I will take note of the allegations, but it would be more useful if members having information against people should convey it privately, instead of blowing the whole thing up in public."

Prague "Training"

Mrs. Tate had previously alleged that Sophie Spellman came to Britain in 1938, posing as a Czech refugee, having been sent from Berlin to Prague for three months, especially to qualify as such.

The Home Secretary said that a girl of this name, now aged seventeen and a half, came to Britain in June, 1939, under the care of the British Com-



The 1st Battalion of Ethiopian troops led by an Australian officer and four Australian N.C.O.'s entered Abyssinia fully armed and trained to fight for their country against the Italians. Thousands of camels loaded with ammunition and stores were poured into the country. Photo shows native bearers, soldiers and the British leaders of the column, resting in the bed of a river.

ARCTIC MALADY FOR NAZIS

HUNDREDS OF GERMAN TROOPS STATIONED IN NORTHERN NORWAY ARE BEING INVALIDED HOME WITH THE MYSTERIOUS ARCTIC MALADY KNOWN AS "LAPPON DISEASE."

The Military Psychiatric Institute in Berlin, it was announced, is trying to find a way to protect soldiers from the illness which takes the form of severe nervous breakdown followed by complete lethargy, resembling sleeping sickness.

It is believed to be caused by the long Arctic night, lack of vitamins, solitude and boredom, and it sometimes leads to violent lunacy.

It seems that the morale of German soldiers in the occupied countries is becoming so seriously affected by inactivity that Hitler has ordered the expenditure of millions of pounds on German "soldiers' homes," to be established everywhere between the "North Cape and the Bay of Biscay."

The first twelve "homes" are to be built in northern Norway.

MERCHANT SEAMEN'S THANKS

The attached letter has been received from the Royal Alfred Aged Merchant Seamen's Institution by the B.W.O.F.:

"Sir,—By the kindness of your organisation we have to-day received from the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation the handsome and very welcome gift of £750 in support of the work of this Institution.

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WOMEN CLASH AT FERRY

HOW TWO WOMEN, A RUSSIAN AND A CHINESE, FOUGHT IN FRONT OF THE STAR FERRY WHARF, KOWLOON, YESTERDAY PULLING EACH OTHER'S HAIR AND SCRATCHING ONE ANOTHER, WAS TOLD TO MR. D. J. N. ANDERSON AT KOWLOON THIS MORNING WHEN THE WOMEN WERE CHARGED WITH DISORDERLY CONDUCT.

Vera Locke, 34, married woman, residing at No. 26, Carnarvon Road, who failed to appear, had her bail of \$10—estimated, while Chan Shu-ling, 24, widow, of No. 13, Carnarvon Road, was placed on a bond to be of good behaviour for one year.

Det.-Sgt. Matches said they fought early yesterday morning near their houses over money, which Mrs. Chan alleged the Russian woman owed her.

They later met at the Star Ferry Wharf and started another fight. Both were sent to Kowloon Hospital, but neither was detained.

FOOTBALL IS "JOB" IN ARMY

(BY A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT)

Football is encouraged in the Army as one of the ways of keeping the men fit and "on their toes" for attempted invasion by Hitler. "A man hurt while playing football would be considered injured in the course of his duty," Major-General R. W. D. Leslie, Deputy-Director of Medical Services, Northern Command, told me.

Fox-hunting is also encouraged in the training of officers. "Apart from being a healthy exercise, it helps officers to get a first-hand and intimate knowledge of the land over which they would operate in the event of an enemy landing," said the major-general.

Pretenders Found Out

The general has a staff of experts in medical science, bacteriology and physical training, helping in the work of keeping the Army fit.

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PLAY-OFF FOR GARRISON HOCKEY CUP POSTPONED

Middlesex Do Well In Army Sporting Circles.

AREA TENNIS LEAGUES IN FULL SWING

By Squaddy

ALTHOUGH Middlesex Regiment were without one of their best full backs, Sgt. Freshwater, they put up a very good show against South China at Caroline Hill on Sunday by drawing 3-all.

South China were trying out some of their players before going on their tour to Malaya.

The goals for the soldiers were scored by Saw, Pearson, and Marable.

This was the Middies' last game of this season.

THERE will be an athletic meeting at Shamshuipo on Thursday between the Combined Middlesex and the Rajput Regiment and the Combined Royal Artillery who put out the challenge.

This meeting came about over the Area Athletic Meeting when the opposing teams were running exceptionally well.

I think that Middies and Rajputs will win all the track events with the exception of the three miles team race.

They should also do well in the long jump as the Rajputs were winners of the Area Long Jump last week.

The 12th Coast Regiment, R.A., again pulled off both weights for the Area Tug-of-War for the second year in succession.

The athletic meeting arranged between the Army and the Combined Chinese will be held at Caroline Hill on Sunday, May 18.

Middlesex Regiment will represent Army and should be able to put up a fine show after their performance last week at the Area Athletic Meeting.

L/Cpl. Heather is reckoned as one of the best half-milers in the Colony and has been entered for the Colony championships.

TENNIS

IN the "A" League of the Hong Kong Area Tennis League fixtures the following games will be played on Friday, May 9, commencing at 3 p.m. at Sookunpoo. R. Engineers 'B' v R.A.M.C. F.A. Staff v 8th Coast



ARMY TENNIS STARTS

In "A" Division of the Army Tennis League, 5th A.A. Regiment, Royal Artillery, defeated 8th Heavy Battery, R.A., by three points to nil, at Sookunpoo yesterday.

Under a new system of scoring players are graded and play their opposite numbers on the other side over three sets.

Lieut. T. A. Pearce and Sgt. Morgan (5th A.A.) beat Lieut. Watness and Lieut. Godfrey, 6-3, 6-4, 6-3.

Lieut. J. L. C. Pearce and Sgt. Davis (5th A.A.) beat Sgt. Shir-law and Gnr. Roche, 6-3, 6-3, 6-3.

Bdr. Mew and Bdr. Savage (5th A.A.) beat S/Sgt. Shepherd and S/Sgt. Skinner, 6-2, 6-1, 6-2.

TENNIS RESULTS

B. O'm Deane and Miss J. Smalley (-15) beat J. S. Theobald and Mrs. Torrible (-3.6) in the final of the Club Handicap Mixed Doubles at the Stand Court by scores of 3-6, 6-3, 6-3, yesterday.

To-day's Matches

Following is to-day's Tennis Championship programme:—

CLUB HANDICAP SINGLES Final

G. W. Sewell (-4/6) v T. J. Gould (-15.2) (Stand Court)

CLUB HANDICAP DOUBLES Semi-Final

C. H. R. Oxlade and A. H. Barwell (-15.2) v R. H. Blake and H. C. D. Knight (-3/6) (8).

CAPTAIN'S CUP RESULTS

Results of the Captain's Cup Golf competition held at Fanling during the week-end were:

Old Course.—H. Overy 88-18=70. Qualified. Twenty entries. New Course.—H. M. Rowland 87-16=71. Qualified. Eleven entries.

REPLIES TO TILDEN'S GLOOMY PICTURE OF FUTURE AMATEUR TENNIS

"I AM AFRAID amateur tennis is finished."

"More wishful thinking."

"I think Tilden is talking rot."

"Three quotes which, when connected, tell the story of W. T. (Bill) Tilden saying that amateur tennis is dead, and will remain down, a reply coming from H. Roper Barrett, former chairman of the Lawn Tennis Association and a doubles champion at Wimbledon, with the third comment uttered by Miss Nora Cleather, Secretary of the All England Club, where the Open championships are held.

Enlarging on all three comments, and remembering what the average persons think, Tilden appears to lose the set after getting in the first remark to hold vantage.

He painted a gloomy picture of the amateur side of the game when replying to a question. "If you mean what will happen to the game as considered from the big business angle—big gates, big crowds, stadia, and so forth—it won't be able to stand if very long" he said. "The Davis Cup is over, of course, it won't work for a good many years as a result of the war, and it doesn't look to me as if international sport can be reckoned on at all. This is serious, because international competition is the backbone of lawn tennis."

A Bit Complex

That last comment is worth analysing because Tilden, in one breath, says that the Davis Cup is over and in the next he says it won't work for a good many years. If, after a good many years, as he suggests, it will work, how can it be over?

Tilden "shot his mouth off," as his compatriots in America would say, for nobody else believes that the game is dead. It may happen that this War will have the good effect of bringing into being a really "Open" championship, with amateurs and professionals competing together, just as they do in golf, but that need not mean that the amateur game dies, any more than amateur golf is dead.

As H. Roper Barrett replied, "there wishful thinking; who can't it? Tilden is entitled to his own opinion and we can leave it at that. We might think otherwise."

More To The Point

Still more to the point is Miss Cleather's response "I think Tilden is talking rot! After a lapse of years in the last war, lawn tennis came into its own again and was stronger than ever. After the present War Wimbledon will come again and so will the Dav's Cup. Our centre court and Nos. 1 and 2 have not been used and are being nourished and kept in perfect order for the next championship meeting."

No! Tilden seems to be barking up the wrong tree and one can almost imagine him saying "Waal, it raised an argument anyway."

He admitted that, whatever happened, play-for-fun tennis would survive in the United States. In that case it is hard to imagine that it will remain as

hurt. When he is hurt he is befuddled.

Smartness Counts

"If this Conn is smart and keeps away from Joe's left, if he will get up when he is hurt, if he will stay and jab-jab-jab, if he'll keep Louis away from him and off balance for 15 rounds—he is a winner, isn't he?"

But suppose Billy should walk in and try to punch, should get cocky or careless?

"Oh, well," replied Doyle. "Then he'll get his head knocked off. But I like him. He's got a heart. He's a real Irish fighter."

The Greatest Women Player

Of equal, if not greater, interest to his comments on amateur tennis, was Tilden's opinion of the greatest woman player ever to grace the courts. He names Suzanne Lenglen. He was not forgetting Mrs. Roark (Helen Wills Moody) or Miss Alice Marble and after admitting that, for fine day-after-day play, Mrs. Roark was more consistent than Miss Marble, and that Miss Marble, on her best day, was the most brilliant of woman players, possessing the widest range of strokes while being the finest of all women volleyers, he still names the French girl as the greatest of all time.

Now people are wondering who will be the new "star." Miss Lenglen died three years ago, Mrs. Roark has virtually retired, and Miss Marble has joined the professional ranks.

Miss Pauline Betz is expected to win this year's American title and so reach the pinnacle and there are many people who think she will succeed to the throne of Queen of lawn tennis. Listen to what Miss Dorothy Bundy says of her: "She has the spirit, physique, strokes—everything it takes, but most of all she has that fight and endurance; she could play all day." Of such qualities are champions made.

HOME SOCCER

Following are the Home soccer fixtures for the week-end:

WAR CUP FINAL Arsenal v Preston (At Wembley)

FOOTBALL LEAGUE SOUTH. Portsmouth v Bournemouth Watford v Luton Town

SOUTHERN REGIONAL LEAGUE Aldershot v Queen's Park Brentford v Fulham Cardiff v Chelsea Reading v West Ham Stoke v Northampton Tottenham v Crystal P. Hotspur v Crystal P. Walsall v Leicester

NORTHERN REGIONAL LEAGUE Bury v Manchester Chester v Bolton Chesterfield v Sheffield Liverpool v Tranmere Rovers

FOR LIVERPOOL CUP Oldham v Rochdale Wrexham v Manchester

REGIONAL MATCH Mansfield v Grimsby

COMBINED COUNTIES (CUP SEMI-FINAL) Leeds v Huddersfield

LANCASHIRE CUP (SEMI-FINAL) Burnley v Blackpool

OTHER MATCHES Middlesbrough v Sunderland

SCOTTISH CUP FINAL Hearts v Rangers

(At Hampden Park Glasgow)

—Reuter.

DOYLE THINKS BILLY CONN CAN BEAT LOUIS

JACK DOYLE, the big sporting odds man, not only thinks Billy Conn has a chance to win the heavyweight championship from Joe Louis but goes into boxing history to prove his point.

"Billy Conn? Yes, I think he's got a good chance. I didn't think so at first, but I do now. He's pretty cute. So if it goes the limit, he's got to win, doesn't he?"

Doyle, a veteran raconteur, paused and then settled comfortably in his chair.

"Let's go back to the Corbett-Jeffries fight at Coney Island for a comparison," he began.

"It was Aug. 14, 1900. Corbett, the smart guy—and he was smart, too—beat himself with his smartness."

Great Fight

"Bob Fitzsimmons had won the title from James J. Corbett in 1897," Doyle explained, and lost it to James J. Jeffries in 1899. Then Jeffries and Corbett was matched. "I remember there was a fellow in New York then—Tim Sullivan—who was the big boss of the boxing, stronger than ten Mike Jacobses," Doyle said.

"We were at the meeting arranging for the fight. Corbett insisted on 25 rounds. Sullivan wanted 20, and threatened never to let Corbett fight again if he didn't give in.

"Well they signed for the fight. A couple of days later Corbett

came out and said he'd not fight unless it is 25 rounds, he didn't care what Sullivan or anyone else did. So they had to give in.

"What a fight it was! Which brings me back to my theory and that Corbett outsmarted himself. He demanded 25 rounds and finally got it. If he had let them put it on for 20 rounds he would have won!

Down in 21st

"That night he was a great fighter, probably better than any other time in his life—at 34. But in 21st round Jeff hit him with a left hook and he went down. But oh, he was an actor! He got up and looked back and pointed to a wet spot on the canvas. It wasn't bigger than a dime, but he was trying to make Jeff think he had slipped.

"But he was hurt. That punch slowed him a bit. And in the 23rd round Jeff, who had not been hurt by any punch Corbett landed, knocked him out.

"Now Conn isn't the boxer Corbett was, or will be. Nobody ever was or will be. But neither is Louis in a class with Jeffries. Louis is slow and can be hit—and



Just what I needed!

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THE QUALITY BEER



LAWN BOWLS SWEEP STARTS THIS WEEK

By "Lead"

THE LAWN BOWLS ASSOCIATION are again running a sweep on the highest aggregate Club win in the Lawn Bowls League and hope, with the co-operation of all bowlers and friends, to be able to raise a larger sum in aid of the B.W.O.F. than last year when more than \$2,500 was realised.

GUARD TAKES HONOURS

By A Special Correspondent

The Rifle Association wound up their shooting season on Sunday with a Meeting in aid of the B.W.O.F. Fine weather brought a large number of competitors to the range for a most enjoyable shoot and easy conditions made for a high standard of shooting.

Spoons and cups were presented for competition by the various Affiliated Clubs of the H.K.R.A. and resulted in keen competition. In all \$70 was realised for the Red Cross.

Mr. Guard of the Dockyard Rifle Club headed the shooting with a good 87, beating Sgt. Cole of Stonecutters, with the same score, on a count-out. The latter's 44 at 200 yards is worthy of note. St. Wall's 46 at 500 yds. was the best score at the longer range.

In the team shooting there were two competitions, one for the "A" and "B" Class shots and the other for the "C" and "D" shots. The former was keenly contested and was won by the Hong Kong Police with the Volunteers second. The latter have shown vast improvement recently. In the junior series the Royal Scots triumphed over the Middlesex "B" team.

Miniature Shooting

A prominent feature of the day's programme was the Miniature Rifle shooting, organised by the R.A.F. who kindly donated a number of spoons for competition at 25 yards. This shooting was run concurrently and relieved the usual monotony of waiting between ranges.

In these competitions the Rajputs were very prominent and it was a pleasure to see so many of them out for the first time at an Association shoot. R.A.F. won the 22 Team Shoot from a large entry.

The Revolver shooting was keenly contested. Sgt. Puran Singh of the Hong Kong Police just beat Sgt. Breese of Stonecutters who was firing extremely well. There were more than the usual number firing and it can be said that shooting with the "hand-gun" is becoming more popular than in the past.

On the Claybird Range the Annual championships were held. Capt. Hyde carried off the two major events, the "Newton Challenge Cup" and the "Services Individual Claybird Championship." Headquarters Team won the Inter-Unit Match from the Middlesex.

C.P.'s Encouragement

In all about 130 members were present at this closing shoot and it was pleasant to note that the Commissioner of Police took an active part in the shooting. He will be a great asset to the already strong Police Rifle Club.

At the conclusion of the morning's contests Mrs. White, wife of Major Simon White of the Royal Scots, graciously presented the prizes and was accorded three hearty cheers.

Reviewing the past season in the light of present uncertain conditions it may be safely said that the Rifle Association has suffered little under the present stress and may look forward with confidence to the future. The absence of the Royal Navy has, however, been keenly felt. The H.K.R.A. is supported by enthusiasts whose eventual use to this Colony should never be doubted and their standard of shooting improves each year beyond measure.

Last year the sweep was only started after 12 League games had been played, which was almost half way through the season, but the weekly response from all clubs was most satisfactory.

The sweep will this year be run on identical lines to last year and the draw will take place every Friday at Messrs. Gando Price Co. Ltd., the offices of Mr. R. P. Phillips, hon. secretary of the Association.

The lists have already been sent to all affiliated clubs and it is expected that the first week will bring good support.

A sum of \$400 has been realised on the rifle of a set of woods and the draw will take place on Friday.

The Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, is the Hon. Treasurer of the Sweeps.

JUNIOR CHESS TOURNEY

The Colony Junior Chess Championship Tournament came to a virtual standstill during the past weeks as only two more games were completed.

Un Kwan-yung beat R. C. Danenberg in one of the two matches played, and in the other A. Kurrik beat J. H. d'Almeida.

TABLE TO DATE

| | P | W | D | L | Pts |
|------------------|----|---|---|---|-------|
| A. Y. Birukoff | 8 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 0 1/2 |
| Un Kwan-yung | 8 | 6 | 0 | 2 | 6 |
| A. Kurrik | 10 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 5 1/2 |
| To Yu-lau | 7 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 5 |
| J. Tausz | 7 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 5 |
| J. Grefald | 8 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 5 |
| R. C. Danenberg | 8 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 5 |
| V. V. Kolatchoff | 8 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 3 |
| Wm. Lee | 9 | 3 | 0 | 6 | 3 |
| E. M. Petrove | 6 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 2 1/2 |
| A. Morton | 5 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 1 1/2 |
| R. C. Gardner | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| J. H. d'Almeida | 7 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 0 |

WAR BRINGS NEW HAZARDS TO GOLF

THE WAR HAS INTRODUCED a lot of new hazards to the game of golf. To begin with, aircraft obstacles — designed to prevent landing of any Axis 'planes — dot the British courses, writes a correspondent from London.

Many of the best layouts near London are scarred and pitted by bombs. You have to play out of bomb craters, too—no lifting.

Of eight major British sports, only soccer and racing cling to any semblance of their pre-war glory, and a comparison of current gate receipts with those for the Winter of 1938-39 for soccer and racing shows that total attendance is off between 65 and 70 per cent.

Participation in sports has fallen off nearly as much despite the widespread athletic programmes of the fighting services. Golf, tennis, Rugby, cricket, track, rowing—all big amateur participant sports of the pre-war days—are at their lowest levels since 1917-18.

Bombers Are Blamed

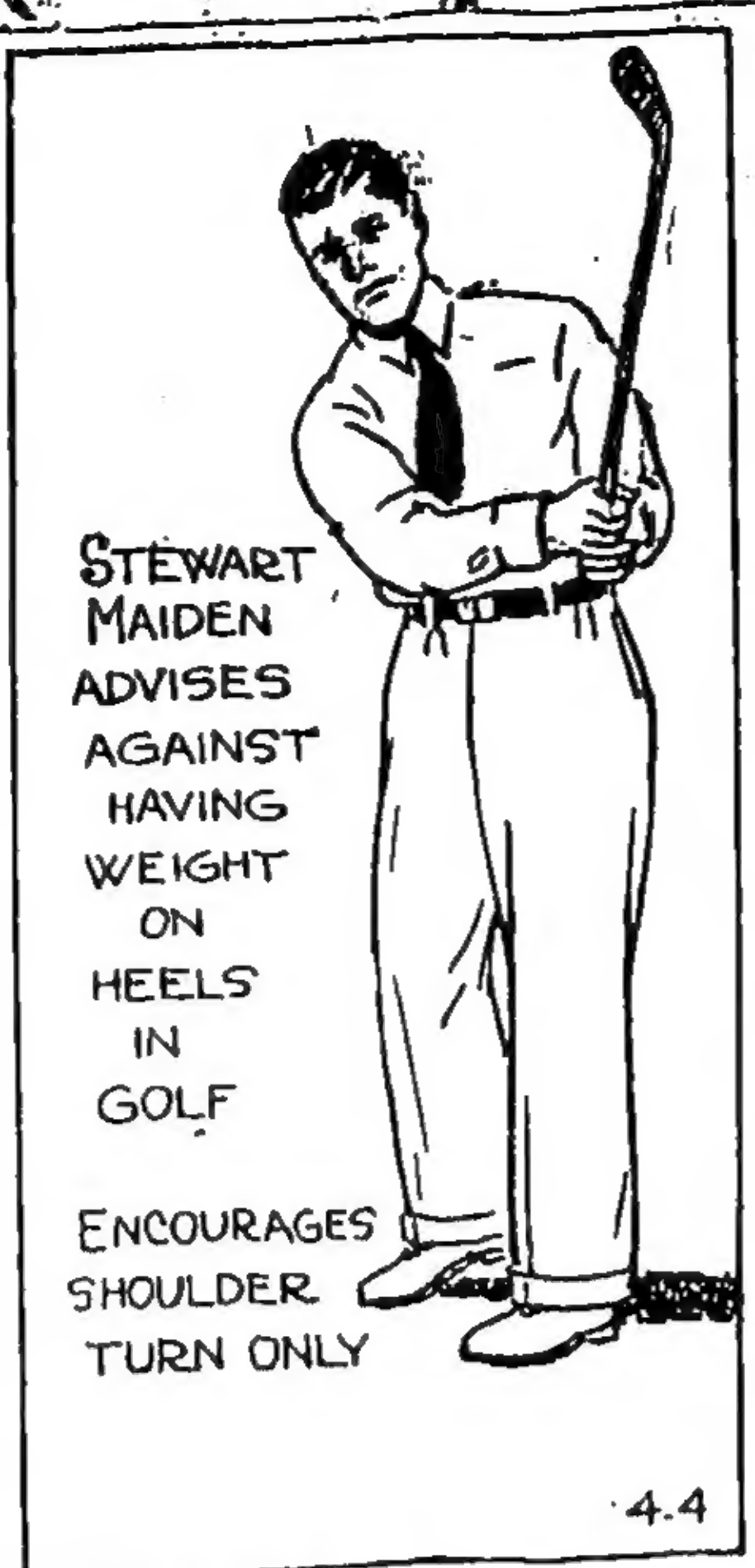
Sport bigwigs name bombers and national service as the main reasons.

"A man doesn't have time or the inclination to play eighteen holes of golf or run cross-country any more," said Geoffrey Sharpe, president of the Blackheath Harriers, London sports club. "Not after he's worked eight hours at his office and then done six or eight hours as a fire fighter or an air raid warden."

The comparative expense of golf clubs, tennis racquets and other things also limits the number of participants.

Jack Hobbs, once Britain's premier cricketer, declares he has not sold any large orders of cricket equipment for months. Expense also is a factor in the decline in spectator sports, which

GRAPHIC GOLF



KEEP WEIGHT FORWARD BY BEST BALL

While many golfers are of the opinion that the weight in the golf stroke should be back toward the heels, Stewart Maiden advises the weight be placed a bit forward. Stewart Maiden taught Bobby Jones how to swing. His contention is that the swinging balance is similar to that employed in walking and in walking the weight is well forward on the balls of the feet. This allows the player to lean slightly forward in the stroke and aids a full turn of the body, meaning the midsection as well as the shoulders.

With the weight concentrated on the heels, the legs are inclined to stiffness. In pivoting the hips do not turn in the same ratio as the shoulders because of this tenseness in the lower body and the shot lacks power.

Next Article:—One Movement.

South China will meet Royal to-morrow in a friendly soccer game at Caroline Hill at 5.30 p.m.

YOUNG DEFEATS LITTLE DADO IN SURPRISE BOUT

DAVID YOUNG, Honolulu Chinese, won a unanimous decision over Little Dado, Filipino flyweight champion of the world, in a non-titular 10-round bout at the Honolulu stadium recently.

Southpaw Young nearly scored a knockout in the first round but he failed to follow up. Dado made a gradual recovery in the late rounds but it was insufficient to overcome the lead piled up by the Chinese boy.

Superior punching power gave Young the first five rounds. Dado was credited with three and two rounds were even.

It was Dado's first defeat on American soil.

Both lightweights fought as bantams with Young weighing 117 3/4 pounds and Dado 116 3/4 pounds.

Little Dado, the slugging Filipino, is recognized as flyweight champion of the world by the N.B.A.

A crowd of 7,000 fans witnessed the swiftest.

Little Dado, weighing 116 3/4 pounds, forced the fight during the first six rounds. He swarmed all over the Honolulu bantler but in one frame Young, employing a lightning-like left uppercut, upset Dado for no count. Dado outsmarted Young throughout and effectively counterpunched but David, weighing 117 3/4, fought progressively better from start to finish.

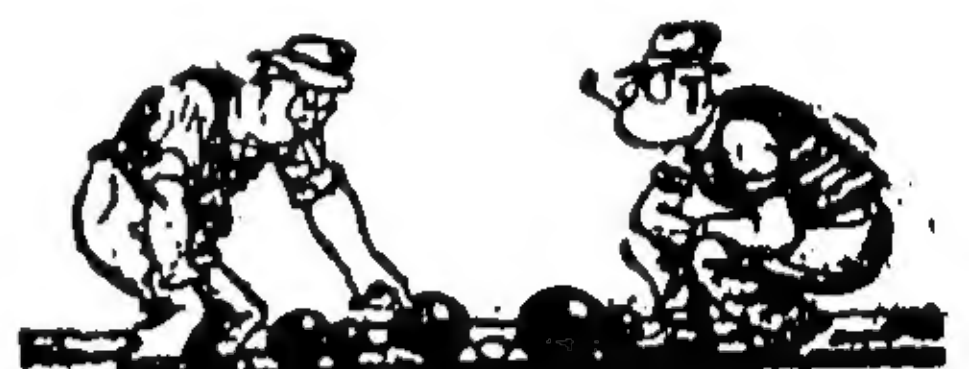
Small Montano of the Philippines, former world's flyweight boxing champion, lost a questionable 12-round decision to Luis Castillo of Mexico.

The Filipino's clever boxing appeared to give him the edge during most of the bout, although he was floored for an eight count with a left and right to the chin in the sixth round.

A large crowd in the sports palace booed lustily when the referee raised Castillo's hand after the fast bout. Each fighter weighed 112 pounds.

Fritz Zivic, world's welterweight boxing champion, knocked out Dick Demaray of Bismarck, N.D., in the fifth round of a non-title fight. The bout was scheduled for 10 stanzas.

The champion weighed 150 pounds and Demaray tipped 149.



BOWLS PROGRAMME FOR SATURDAY

Following are the Lawn Bowls League fixtures for next Saturday:—

FIRST DIVISION

Kowloon C.C. v Recreio "A".
Craigengower v K. Docks.
Police R.C. v Civil S.C.C.
Recreio "B" v Indian R.C.
Kowloon B.G.C. "A" v Kowloon B.G.C. "B".

SECOND DIVISION

Kowloon Tong v Recreio.
Prison v Kowloon C.C.
H.K. Football C. v Craigengower.
Talkoo R.C. v Kowloon F.C.

THIRD DIVISION

Kowloon F.C. v Craigengower.
Indian R.C. v H.K. Football Club.
Recreio v Police R.C.
H.K. Electric v Hong Kong C.C.

The last monthly Meeting of the Hong Kong Football Referees' Association for the season 1940/41 will be held at the Hotel Cecil to-day at 8 p.m. The speaker will be Mr. Hugh A. Beard, Chairman of the Association, who will address the meeting on "Human Nature in Association Football".

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ANIMATED DEBATE ON WAR EFFORT EXPECTED

Arrangements For House Of Commons Debate

German Pressure On Vichy

Political circles in Zurich assume that Germany is anxious to have permission to use Syria as a military base.

No authoritative information, however, is available in connection with Germany's proposals to Vichy, which were handed by Otto Abetz to Admiral Darlan during the week-end.

The Swiss radio reports from Vichy that Darlan, who left yesterday afternoon for Paris, is accompanied by two diplomatic advisers.

The announcer said diplomatic negotiations which Darlan will conduct in Paris are of far-reaching importance for the future of Franco-German relations. — Reuter.

BOUND FOR U.S.A.

A TOTAL OF 167 YUGOSLAV DIPLOMATS AND CONSULAR STAFF, FORMERLY IN ITALY, HAVE ARRIVED AT PORT BOU, ON THE FRANCO-SPANISH FRONTIER, IN A SPECIAL TRAIN, WHICH CONTINUED TO MADRID LAST EVENING.

It is understood they will remain in Madrid a few days and will then proceed to Lisbon with the intention of going to the United States. — Reuter.

Mr. Churchill To Wind Up

(By Reuter's Political Correspondent)

THE NEXT TWO SITTINGS of the House of Commons and the next sitting of the Lords will be occupied by consideration of the Government motion approving Government's policy in sending help to Greece and declaring confidence that the Imperial operations in the Middle East and other theatres will be pursued by Government with the utmost vigour.

As there is nothing in the nature of a crisis it will not be surprising if, despite an animated debate in which at least two former War Ministers hope to participate, criticisms are not carried as far as a division in the lobby except by a few like the Independent Labour Party men (who want a new government) and some of the more out and out critics of British war strategy, diplomacy and intelligence services.

Mr. Eden will open the proceedings, and according to present plans there will be only two other Government speakers — Mr. Attlee in the middle and Mr. Churchill at the end.

Intention is to give back-benchers full scope for debate. MR. HORE-BELISHA AND MR. OLIVER STANLEY, BOTH

FORMER WAR MINISTERS, HOPE TO SPEAK AND MR. LLOYD GEORGE IS A POSSIBLE PARTICIPANT.

In the Lords the discussion is expected to last only three hours.

When a debate was first demanded in the Commons, it offered the prospect of major political consequences, but the Government appointments announced last week have removed the likelihood of any such development at least pending knowledge of how the new Ministers are to fit into the whole war machine.

Ventilation Of Steam

Unless, therefore, some unusual turn is given to the discussion it seems unlikely that it will be much more than a useful ventilation of steam generated by recent events in Libya, Greece, Iraq and Turkey, coupled with current criticism of production, organisation of man power and related problems in Britain. — Reuter.

U.S. SUPPLY OF 'PLANES

A total of 414 'planes were delivered to the British Empire and Egypt in March, announces the U.S. Department of Commerce.

This compares with 258 in February and comparative values were \$25,250,000 and \$16,750,000, respectively.

Thirty-five 'planes were also delivered to the Netherlands East Indies.

Value of plane engines exported increased from just over \$8,000,000 to \$13,500,000. — Reuter.

PORTUGAL REINFORCES THE AZORES

THERE IS A WIDESPREAD FEAR IN PORTUGAL THAT A GERMAN PARACHUTE INVASION OF THE AZORES MIGHT BE IMMINENT, SAID CAPTAIN GROVE SKIPPER OF THE LINER "EXCALIBUR," ON ARRIVAL AT JERSEY CITY, N.J., YESTERDAY FROM LISBON.

The day the "Excalibur" left Lisbon he saw a Portuguese troopship with about 3,000 soldiers leave apparently for the Azores. He understood a similar contingent left for the Azores several days before. — Reuter.

FURTHER GIBRALTAR EVACUATIONS

It was officially announced in Gibraltar yesterday that further evacuations of civilians are taking place shortly.

Lists numbering over a thousand yesterday included many Spanish refugees. — Reuter.

CHINESE NO LONGER NEED VISAS

It is learned that Chinese seeking entry into or passing through Hong Kong no longer need any visa for their passports. This has been agreed between the Chinese and British Governments following negotiations.

Since the enforcement of the Immigration Ordinance, Chinese visiting the Colony have had to

MASS ARRESTS IN SHANGHAI

Wholesale arrests are reported to be taking place following the launching of a vigorous campaign by the Japanese authorities to round up terrorists in the Japanese-occupied areas of Shanghai.

Rigorous searching of pedestrians for concealed weapons is proceeding and strict surveillance of Chinese suspects is being enforced.

It is stated that the Japanese have rounded up scores of innocent-looking peasants and beggars and the results have fully borne out rumours that the terrorists have been operating in the guise of country people.

Among those arrested are the alleged murderers of two Japanese gendarmes in Hongkew last month.

Meanwhile, uneasiness is reported to prevail among the Chinese living in Hongkew in view of the movement to start the "mutual guarantee" system. — Reuter.

apply for a visa from a British Consulate which caused delay and inconvenience.

STOP PRESS

An interesting statement on Sino-Soviet relations was made by General Chang Chi-hung, Minister of the Political Affairs Board of the National Military Council, when addressing 400 writers, artists and journalists in Chungking last night.

General Chang deprecated the alarm felt in certain circles over the conclusion of the Soviet-Japan Neutrality Pact, particularly the joint declaration concerning Manchuria and Outer Mongolia.

General Chang declared: "Such a treaty declaration can have no effect on China's determination to carry on resistance and recover lost territory. We will drive the Japanese out of China, and we will recover Manchuria."

Referring to the remark in certain circles that "our enemies to-day may be our friends to-morrow, while our friends of to-day may be our enemies to-morrow," General Chang said: "Our enemies remain our enemies and our friends remain our friends. I can assure you that the Soviet assurances of continued assistance to China have been substantiated by actual facts."

Commenting on the rice situation, General Chang declared that there is no shortage of rice and that it was only a question of administration. Comparing war difficulties in other countries he urged the Chinese people to prepare to undergo even greater hardships.

A similar appeal was made by General Feng Yu-hsiang who recalled the hardships endured by the American troops during the early days of the revolution who, however, finally succeeded in winning independence under the leadership of the late George Washington. General Feng urged the Chinese to make sacrifices for the welfare, freedom and liberty of Chinese descendants in generations to come. — Reuter.

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